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Back-to-back snowfalls that blanketed campus and cancelled classes produced happiness for students, but headaches for grounds crews.

Photo by Karen Pearlman '00

Letter to the **Editor**

Dear Editor,

I just wanted you to know I enjoyed the Fall/ Winter 2009 issue of the magazine.

I am a member of the Class of 1958, and we had several male veterans in our class. In your article, you stated the GI Bill was given for World War II vets. That is true, but I think it was given for Korean vets, too. The men in our class were too young to be WWII vets. I was between 5 and 9 years old during WWII!

Mary Kay Martin Britto '58
Wrightsville Beach, N.C.

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University of Mary Washington

An open letter to the University of Mary Washington community

Dear friends,

Spring has finally arrived, and the University of Mary Washington looks forward with the energizing spirit this season always inspires. Upcoming graduates are beginning to be excited – and probably a bit nervous – about their future prospects. Members of the UMW Class of 2014 are finishing their high school studies, eagerly awaiting adventures at Mary Washington. New deans and faculty members are anticipating the impact they will make as they begin their tenures on the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses. The Fredericksburg community is watching as new shops are readied for opening at Eagle Village, and upper-class students are enthusiastically planning their moves into the new apartments at Eagle Landing.

I want you to know that I, too, am excited about the prospects for all of us. The Board of Visitors will work closely with the administration, faculty, and staff as we implement the University's strategic plan and prepare for accreditation review in 2013. I intend to continue to engage with as many of you as possible as we meet the challenges that lie ahead.

It is no news to you that we have experienced some difficult times recently that have caused some to ask if things are OK at Mary Washington. I assure you that we are in a good place, and that the University community is committed to moving forward with the proposed changes in structure that will ensure UMW's continuing high standing in the 21st century.

No doubt, there will be challenges – both foreseen and unforeseen – as we work to uphold the agenda before us: maintain UMW's reputation as a fine liberal arts institution while advancing our service to the Commonwealth in establishing appropriate structures for our graduate programs and serving other regional needs with a third campus at Dahlgren. Certainly, all of us in the UMW community will work together to accomplish these goals and will be ready to celebrate the successes together as we achieve them.

I congratulate Judy Hample on her initiation of the strategic planning process, which resulted in a document developed by the entire community and ratified by the Board. This strategic plan will be UMW's guide for the coming years. Dr. Hample's encouragement of the establishment of the College of Business and the College of Education will have lasting impact. Her strong commitment to diversity has enriched the academic environment for the benefit of all. On behalf of the University community, I thank her for her accomplishments and wish her the very best in her upcoming endeavors.

As we move forward, I want to assure you that I have complete confidence in the future of this great University and in the leadership of Rick Hurley as acting president. This is a special place with a rich history and a deep sense of community. I ask all of you – faculty, students, staff, alumni, parents, and friends – for your continued support of this institution we all hold so dear.

Sincerely,

Nanalou West Sauder

Nanalou West Sauder '56
Rector

Hurley Takes the Helm – Again

UMW's Executive Vice President Rick Hurley has postponed his retirement to step into the role of acting president. Hurley enjoys spending time on campus engaging with students.

The Executive Committee of the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors has appointed Richard V. Hurley as acting president effective through June 30, 2010. Hurley, UMW's executive vice president and chief financial officer, will succeed Judy G. Hample, who has stepped down as president to begin an academic sabbatical that lasts through June 30.

The Board will continue to work on the process for choosing a new president. "I am looking forward to working with President Hurley as we continue to move ahead on the important work of this University," said Board Rector **Nanalou West Sauder '56**.

Hurley has spent more than three decades in higher education, including 10 years at Mary Washington. From May 1, 2007, through the time of Hample's arrival on June 30, 2008, Hurley balanced multiple duties as both vice president and acting president. He recently agreed to postpone his previously announced May 2010 retirement in order to serve the institution during its transition.

While at Mary Washington, Hurley has made a significant impact. In addition to serving as UMW's chief financial officer, he oversees facilities and capital projects, public safety, human resources, and business operations. He also serves as treasurer of the University of Mary Washington Foundation, where he has been instrumental in developing the University's first public/private partnership, Eagle Village.

Hurley told the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star* that he was invigorated being in a leadership position at UMW again. He added, "The president is one piece of the puzzle, albeit a little larger than some of the other pieces. But it's the whole that has to be considered, and that's still solid, stable, reputable, and moving forward."

Hurley came to Mary Washington in 2000 from Longwood University, where he had served for 15 years as vice president for administration and finance. Prior to his service at Longwood, he spent four years at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and had stints at several colleges and universities.

Active in the Fredericksburg community, Hurley established the Town and Gown Committee. Through his efforts, UMW's relationships with the community have been greatly strengthened. He serves as chair of the board of directors of the Rappahannock United Way, a director of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance, and a member of the local BB&T advisory board.

Professional Engineer

Appointed to UMW Board

As one of his last official acts prior to leaving office in January, former Gov. Tim Kaine appointed Mary Jones Berry of Prince William County to the Board of Visitors of the University of Mary Washington.

Mary Jones Barry

Berry, a well known pioneer among women in the engineering profession, has had a long and distinguished career. As the only woman in her 1962 graduating class from Virginia Tech's Department of Mechanical Engineering, she became the first female registered as a professional engineer by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Her professional career with Aerojet General Corp. (formerly Atlantic Research Corp.) spanned more than four decades. She began there as a structural engineer and advanced to become the executive director of engineering at the company's Gainesville, Va., facility from which she retired in 2007.

Throughout her career, Berry has been recognized as a role model for women engineering students and professionals. In 1998, the Society of Women Engineers awarded her the rank of Fellow for her contributions to women in engineering.

From 1984 to 1988, she served on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, and was President of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association in 1999. In 2004, she was inducted into the Academy of Engineering Excellence at Virginia Tech, and she was the first woman to receive her alma mater's highest alumni honor, the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

Pedestrian Bridge

Provides Connections

Eagle Village is no longer an island apart from the Fredericksburg campus. On Jan. 16, during an elaborate operation involving massive cranes and traffic detours, a steel bridge was erected just north of College Avenue. The 214-foot span connects the student apartment building, Eagle Landing, with the Fredericksburg campus.

U.S. Route 1, which runs underneath the pedestrian bridge, had to be closed for three days while the bridge was being constructed. Many people in the community and from the University came to watch the progress from a designated viewing area.

In addition to providing safe passage across the busy highway for students, faculty, staff, and local neighbors, the bridge will serve as a gateway to the city, according to **Jeff Rountree '91**, CEO of the UMW Foundation, which is providing the funding for the project.

Erection of the $4.5 million bridge was a milestone in the months-long construction project, which began in March of 2009. The residence hall is scheduled to open this summer, and use of the bridge will begin in the fall.

The point at which the span connects with campus is the current construction site for the Anderson Center, a 52,000-square-foot facility that will provide basketball courts and seating for 2,000 spectators at UMW men's and women's varsity games, and seating for as many as 3,000 for concerts and other community events. That venue will open in 2011.

The $115 million, seven-acre first phase of Eagle Village includes the bridge, Eagle Landing, and a building that will house a parking garage and numerous retail and office spaces.

Eagle Landing will have 156 two-bedroom, two-bath student apartments, each designed to accommodate four students. A model has been on display in empty retail space at the former Park & Shop center. Each apartment features granite countertops and stainless steel appliances.

By the end of March, all 624 beds in Eagle Landing had been booked for the 2010-1011 school year.

"This is a great development for UMW and our students," said Acting President Rick Hurley. "It's the beginning of a new chapter in our history. We are very pleased that the enthusiasm this new complex has generated within the student body led to a sell out the very first year."

In January, a crane hoisted sections of a pedestrian overpass above U.S. 1. The steel came from South Carolina, and the bridge pieces were assembled in Richmond.

SUNY Geneseo Professor to Lead College of Arts and Sciences

Richard Finkelstein will join UMW July 1.

The new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is trading New York for Virginia. Richard Finkelstein will serve as chief academic officer for the college; he served the last nine years as chair of the English department at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo. At UMW, he will oversee matters regarding College of Arts and Sciences faculty, curriculum, academic programs, and academic support. Finkelstein takes over as dean July 1, and will succeed Rosemary Barra, a biology professor who has served as acting dean since July 1, 2004.

During his tenure at SUNY Geneseo, Finkelstein helped create a major in creative writing and a minor in film studies. He assisted in achieving National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education endorsement for the School of Education. He promoted courses in Asian-American, African-American, Native-American, and post-Colonial literatures while maintaining the Geneseo English department's strength in British and American literatures.

Finkelstein has held leadership roles in the Rochester, N.Y., community on several not-for-profit boards that support young children. A scholar of Renaissance drama and Shakespeare, he has published essays and reviews on a variety of topics, including Renaissance drama, religion, rhetoric, and poetry.

Finkelstein received a doctorate in English from the University of Chicago. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Williams College with a bachelor of arts degree in English with honors. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

UMW Polo in Inaugural Parade

Members of the University of Mary Washington's newly formed polo club team participated in Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell's inaugural parade in January.

UMW Rises In Peace Corps Ranking

For the seventh year in a row, the Peace Corps has named the University of Mary Washington to its annual list of "Top Producing Colleges and Universities." This year, the University rose to the No. 2 spot among small colleges and universities, with 23 alumni currently serving as Peace Corps volunteers.

This is up from UMW's sixth-place finish last year among small colleges and universities that have less than 5,000 undergraduates. Since the Peace Corps' inception in 1961, 199 Mary Washington alumni have volunteered for the 27-month commitment.

The greatest number of Peace Corps volunteers from a small school came from St. Olaf College, which has 26 alumni. Middlebury College ranked third with 21 volunteers, and the University of Portland, the University of Puget Sound, and Williams College each had 20 volunteers.

In the category of large colleges and universities with more than 15,000 undergraduates, the University of Washington retained the highest ranking with 101 volunteers. George Washington University ranked first among medium colleges and universities with 53 volunteers currently serving in the Peace Corps.

Since the Peace Corps' founding, more than 190,000 volunteers have helped promote a better understanding among America and the 139 countries where volunteers have served. Volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age.

A Hand Up, Not A Hand Out

Students enrolled in a philanthropy course at the University of Mary Washington have awarded a total of $10,000 to two Fredericksburg-area organizations – the Thurman Brisben Center, a regional residential emergency homeless shelter, and the Rappahannock United Way.

Class representative **Dahlia Ali '11** announced the awards at a check presentation on Dec. 1 at the UMW Jepson Alumni Executive Center. The presentation culminated the semester-long Economics of Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector course taught by Robert Rycroft, professor of economics.

"Both programs, as a class, we felt gave a hand up rather than a hand out," said Ali. "And as Professor Rycroft has said in class, it is better to teach a man how to fish rather than give a man a fish. The Thurman Brisben Center and the Rappahannock United Way have fully exuded this idea."

The grants were funded by Doris Buffett's Sunshine Lady Foundation, which provided the class with $10,000 to award how it saw fit. The class of 20 students reviewed about 40 applications.

The philanthropy course, in its fifth year at UMW, is similar to courses Buffett has created at 15 colleges across the country to allow undergraduates to experience the pleasure and the responsibilities that philanthropy entails. Annually, Buffet gives each class $10,000 to award to charitable organizations as the class deems fit. The student groups have sole responsibility for creating a foundation, reviewing the applicants, and determining which ones should receive assistance.

UMW names Dean of Admissions

Kimberly Johnston

Kimberly Johnston is the new University of Mary Washington dean of admissions. Since beginning work this month, she has assumed responsibility for all aspects of student recruitment and admission processes, and she leads the Office of Admissions.

Johnston, the former senior associate director of admissions at the University of Maine in Orono, had served the school of nearly 12,000 students since 1987. She also coordinated the UMaine National Student Exchange program and served on a number of campus committees, including the GLBT Allies Council, the Barrier Free Access Committee, and the Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee. Before joining UMaine, she worked in Texas as a high school teacher and chair of her school's speech and drama department.

Johnston has been highly involved in regional, national, and international professional association work. She recently served as president of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, an organization of more than 11,000 high school counselors, independent counselors, and college admission professionals from around the nation and the world who are dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education. Johnston also has served NACAC as coordinator of the State and Regional Presidents' Council and is now chair of its Governance and Nominating Committee. She won the Maine Counselor of the Year Award in 2001.

A graduate of the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, Johnston earned a bachelor of arts degree in drama. She holds a master of arts in theater from the University of Maine.

Great Lives has had Great Reception

The Department of History and American Studies' Chappell Lecture Series: Great Lives has been packing Dodd Auditorium on selected Tuesdays and Thursdays the past several months.

The program, now in its seventh year, examines the lives of intriguing figures throughout history. The lectures are held at 7:30 p.m.

The remaining lineup includes:

April 13 – **Robert Oppenheimer**
Martin Sherwin, George Mason University, Co-Author of *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer*

April 15 – **Robert E. Lee**
Elizabeth Brown Pryor, Author of *Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee through His Private Letters*

April 20 – **Elvis Presley**
Gardner Campbell, Honors College at Baylor University

April 22 – **James Bond**
Jeremy Black, University of Exeter, Author of *A History of the British Isles*

Author Prods Audience to Action

Nikki Giovanni speaks to students in the Red Room at UMW.

Poet Nikki Giovanni visited the University of Mary Washington in February as part of the commemoration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In three appearances – a luncheon with campus and community leaders, a reception with students, and a public lecture in Dodd Auditorium, Giovanni offered her frank opinions on many topics, including television networks and current movies.

CNN? "Fox News Lite," she said.

Precious the film? "There's nothing precious about it."

Giovanni interjected her colorful comments in what was primarily a story about Rosa Parks. Giovanni, a noted civil rights activist and lecturer, wrote a children's book about the woman who launched the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott in 1955.

Parks showed that regular people *can* change history, Giovanni said.

"She didn't wake up one morning, comb her hair and say, 'I'm going to start a revolution,'" Giovanni said. "But she was prepared."

And people need to be ready today, Giovanni said. The landscape of the civil rights movement has changed. But the need to stand up has not, she said.

Giovanni, a Virginia Tech professor, said today's civil rights struggles include peace, health care, and gay rights.

She said Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. left a legacy for all of us: Stand up to injustice.

Today, instead of boycotting segregated buses, Giovanni said, it's time to speak out for peace, to demand respect for injured soldiers, and to require access to health care.

Forum Speakers will Dish Up Culinary and Legal Thrills

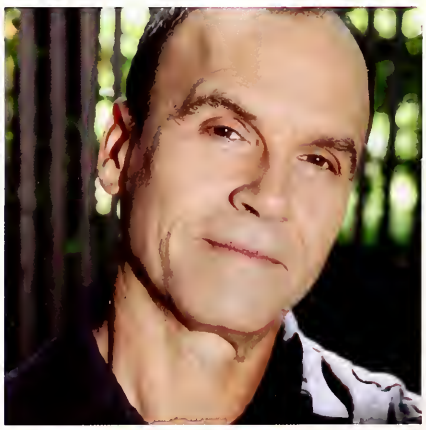
Judy Woodruff

Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff was the featured speaker in March for the Fredericksburg Forum. Woodruff has covered politics and other news for more than three decades at the major television networks CNN, NBC, and PBS. Currently, she is senior correspondent for *PBS News Hour* and was editor of the show's 2008 election coverage.

The Fredericksburg Forum is a community-sponsored program at the University that hosts nationally known speakers.

Next season features Anthony Bourdain, world-renowned chef, TV host, and author, who will appear on Sept. 23, 2010; and Scott Turow, prolific writer of legal thrillers, who will be on campus March 17, 2011.

Anthony Bourdain



Scott Turow

Through his books and TV appearances, Bourdain entertains and educates with lessons learned from the kitchen trenches. As host of the popular travel and food series, *Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations*, currently in its sixth season on the Travel Channel, the provocative and often caustic chef traverses the globe seeking the authentic experiences and food that flavor the world's cultures. He is also the executive chef at New York's Brasserie Les Halles, which now has expanded to Washington, D.C., and Miami.

Turow is an attorney and an author. He has written eight best-selling novels, including *Presumed Innocent, The Burden of Proof*, and *Reversible Errors*. Turow combines his writing with a legal practice. He has been a partner in the Chicago office of the national law firm Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal since 1986. He concentrates on white collar criminal defense and devotes a substantial part of his time to pro bono cases.

Please call the Office of University Events and Conferencing at 540/654-1065 to purchase tickets for the 2010-2011 Forum season.

A Banner Year for Town-Gown Relations

The City of Fredericksburg and the University of Mary Washington joined forces to improve the ambiance of downtown's Caroline Street.

UMW first installed banners on the lampposts to mark its centennial celebration in 2008. Those banners stayed up long after the anniversary was over, so city and University leaders collaborated on replacements.

They came up with a new set of banners that feature both UMW's logo and the city's "Timeless" tourism logo. The banners, designed by UMW's Office of Creative Services, depict landmarks on campus and around town.

They include images of the UMW bell tower, Monroe Hall, Carl's ice cream shop, and the historic train station building.

Karen Hedelt, the city's acting economic development director, said the project was a good example of school and city officials working together.

She said the banners will probably hang for about 18 months. The city already is working on plans for the next set of banners to take their place.

Hedelt said the city hopes to launch a contest this summer that would ask local artists – including UMW students – to submit designs. The entries would be judged, and banners would be created from the winners.

Belmont is Tops In Museum World

A view of historic Belmont through a window of Gari Melchers' studio

Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont is one of only nine accredited art museums in Virginia, according to the American Association of Museums (AAM). AAM accreditation is the highest national recognition afforded to museums; of 17,500 museums in the nation, the century-old organization accredits only 775.

The 28-acre Belmont estate was the home of American impressionist Gari Melchers (1860-1932), famous for his many paintings, and his wife Corinne Melchers. Corinne Melchers bequeathed the estate to the Commonwealth of Virginia upon her death in 1955. Now a museum, the home and studio are administered by the University of Mary Washington.

AAM accreditation brings national recognition to a museum for its commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards, and continued institutional improvement. It signifies excellence to the museum community as well as to governments, funders, outside agencies, and the museum-going public. The AAM granted the status to Belmont in 1985 and has re-accredited the museum twice since, in 1998 and again in January.

The AAM requires a rigorous examination of a museum's operations when considering granting accreditation, including a year-long self study and a visit and report by peer reviewers. An independent body of museum professionals assesses the outcomes of both. The review process, which takes about three years to complete, is done each decade.

The 18th-century house is both a national and Virginia historic landmark. The gardens, home, and studio are open to the public. Learn more at garimelchers.org.

Film Features Farmer

Poster promoting *The Good Fight*

In February, the University of Mary Washington hosted the premiere of the documentary film *The Good Fight: James Farmer Remembers the Civil Rights Movement* by AMS Pictures. The exclusive screening of the 65-minute film was a Black History Month event.

The Good Fight chronicles Farmer's life from his days as a debater at Wiley College through his time teaching at UMW. Farmer was a principal founder of the Congress of Racial Equality and organizer of the Freedom Rides in the early 1960s. A colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Farmer is considered to be one of the "Big Four" leaders of the civil rights movement.

The final stage of the film focuses on Farmer's days teaching at Mary Washington, where he was distinguished professor of history and American studies from 1985 to 1998. His course, "An Introduction to the Civil Rights Movement," was the most popular class in the college curriculum, with annual enrollments of more than 500 students. The documentary, which features many campus scenes, also describes the University's efforts to preserve Farmer's legacy through audio recordings of his class lectures.

Farmer died in Fredericksburg in 1999 at age 79.

Passion Propels Eagle Swim Teams into Championship Waters

UMW's championship swimming teams recognize that they must be passionate and consistent about practice.

All sports photos by Clint Often

By Clint Often

Three years ago, the University of Mary Washington swimming programs – long known as the elite of the Capital Athletic Conference – began a new chapter with the arrival of head coach Matt Sellman. Sellman, from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., had energized the program there, bringing it from one that consistently finished last in the conference championships to one that regularly finished in the top half of the Northwest Conference.

Sellman's charge at UMW was to take a pair of programs – men's and women's – that already had very high standards and continue to evolve both programs into serious challengers for the NCAA Division III championships.

Coach Sellman

"The opportunity at Mary Washington was exciting *because* of its history," said Sellman. "I was ready for a new challenge and inheriting a team with the storied tradition of UMW was definitely a challenge."

With six conference titles in three years, Sellman's mission has been accomplished. To top it all off, Sellman gained both the men's and women's swimming Coach of the Year awards from the Capital Athletic Conference in February. Both teams swam roughshod over the competition at the CAC championships. The women won an unprecedented 20th straight conference title, and the team reigns as the only program in any sport in the conference to win all 20 championships in the history of the league. Only two others – Salisbury's men's lacrosse and UMW's women's track and field – have won every league title in any sport, although men's lacrosse and women's track were added as conference sports later in the history of the league.

The men, winners of 16 of the 20 all-time CAC championships, extended their string of league titles to 10 straight crowns. Both teams again rolled to easy victories, with each team claiming the conference championship by more than 300 points. "I enjoy the pressure of expectations. Working to have UMW swimming reach even greater benchmarks of success is a tremendous challenge, but one I enjoy, because it focuses my work ethic and sharpens my skills," Sellman said. "It is so rewarding when you accomplish the goals you set forth for yourself and the team."

In addition to Sellman's collection of CAC Coach of the Year awards, juniors **Stephen Clendenin** and **Sarah Crockett** – who both advanced to the NCAA championships a year ago – were named CAC Swimmers of the Year, and Eagle freshman **Nick Eckhoff** claimed the men's Rookie of the Year award. According to Sellman, the thing that distinguishes this group – along with others, including seniors **Nina Sawyer** and **Justin Anderson**, junior **Adriana Lesiuk** and sophomore **Megan DeSmit** – is that they understand success depends on a passionate and consistent approach to swimming and training.

"They all love the sport and have fun *almost* every day as they train and spend time with their teammates," Sellman said. "That enthusiasm is infectious and spreads to the entire team, making what can be a difficult sport to stay motivated in exciting on a regular basis." He added, "They also trust their coach, which, as most coaches would agree, is a prerequisite for the type of success they are enjoying. And when those things combine in one athlete, one team, good things happen."

Individual and team success have long been a tradition of the program, starting in the early 1980s with head coach Miriam Greenberg, who saw four swimmers advance to the first-ever NCAA Championships in 1982. Through the late '80s and early '90s, head coach Paul Richards steadily built the Eagles into a national swimming powerhouse, as at least four swimmers advanced to the NCAA Championships every year from 1988 to 1990. In 1991 – the first year of the Capital Athletic Conference – seven Eagle swimmers gained All-America honors, and another gained the status the following winter.

Megan DeSmit

The 1993 season saw a new high for the program, as **Shannon Hutcherson '94** won the NCAA Division III Championship in the 200-yard breaststroke. The Eagles continued to send multiple athletes to the NCAA championships each year through the 1990s, as Matt Kinney took the reins of the program and produced multiple All-Americans and conference titles on a yearly basis.

Under Sellman's guidance, the programs have continued to flourish, with both teams gaining their highest national rankings this winter – the women were as high as fourth in the nation, while the men checked in as high as 21st among Division III schools.

Highlights of the 2009-10 season include the men's first-ever dual meet victory over Washington & Lee University on homecoming weekend, a rewarding winter training trip to Florida that molded the team into a cohesive unit, and the ultra-successful performance by both teams at the CAC Championships.

Eckhoff and Clendenin, along with women's team members Sawyer, Crockett, Lesiuk, DeSmit, and freshman **Cameron Figuers**, advanced to the NCAA championships. The Eagle women collected seven All-America awards en route to a top-20 team performance. For the men, Stephen Clendenin gained All-America status in two events.

Clint Often is UMW's sports information director.

UMW Prepares to Host 2010 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championships

The University of Mary Washington will host the 2010 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championships on May 25 to 30. The Battleground tennis facility will be the site of competition for an NCAA tennis championship for the third time in five years, as UMW hosted the 2006 men's tennis championships as well as the 2007 women's championships.

Team competition will begin on May 25, with quarterfinal action followed by semifinal matches on May 26; the team national championship match will take place on May 27. Individual singles and doubles action will begin on May 28 and run through May 30, when singles and doubles champions will be crowned. For more information on the championships, please consult the UMW Athletics website at www.umweagles.com.

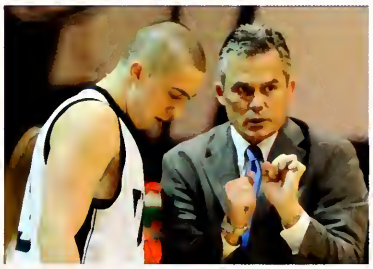
Women's Lacrosse, Men's and Women's Tennis Start Spring Season Ranked Nationally

The University of Mary Washington women's lacrosse team opened the spring 2010 season ranked nationally by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association, while both the Eagle men's and women's tennis teams started the year ranked inside the top 20 in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

The women's tennis team started the season ranked 14th, while the men began the year ranked 19th in the nation. The Eagle women's lacrosse squad, which advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament a year ago, received votes in the initial IWLCA coaches' poll.

Katie Wallis

Wood Nets **200th Career Victory**



University of Mary Washington head men's basketball coach Rod Wood won his 200th career game on February 13 at York College of Pennsylvania. Wood, already the winningest coach in program history, saw his Eagles gain a 74-71 overtime victory for the milestone.

Coach Wood, right, discusses strategy with a player.

UMW Designs its Second Century

Strategic plan sets priorities in motion

At its November meeting, the Board of Visitors of the University of Mary Washington approved a comprehensive strategic plan that calls for sweeping initiatives over the next several years. A key element of the plan is the establishment of a College of Business and a College of Education in addition to strengthening the existing College of Arts and Sciences.

The strategic plan is aspirational. It is an expression of UMW's institutional values and mission, and it identifies strategic goals and objectives for establishing priorities, guiding resource allocations, and determining the University's progress over the next five to eight years.

The plan highlights a number of pressing issues for the University, primarily upcoming accreditation requirements. A number of implications related to changing from college to university status in 2004 still need to be addressed. Other major issues include how to recruit a more diverse mix of students and faculty, how to serve distinctly different student populations on two separate campuses (and a soon-to-be third campus at Dahlgren), the impact of changing demographics in Virginia's high schools, and the central role that the liberal arts will continue to play as the University moves forward. In addition, the plan calls for UMW to be a cultural arts center as well as a hub for regional development and engagement.

Adoption of the plan culminated a year-long process that engaged hundreds of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members in extensive discussion about the University's strengths, values, challenges, and opportunities.

To view the UMW Strategic Plan in its entirety, visit www.umw.edu/provost/plan.

Goal One: Enhance and promote academic excellence.

UMW will offer high-quality, rigorous academic programs that prepare students for advanced study, further their professional development, and advance their careers. To achieve this goal, the University must continue to recruit and support an outstanding, diverse faculty and a high-achieving and diverse student body. The University must enhance and enrich the course of study in the liberal arts as its principal and defining character while expanding professional educational opportunities in areas responsive to the population of the region and that meet the strategic workforce needs of the Commonwealth. To fulfill its role as a university, UMW will establish two new colleges, the College of Business and the College of Education, and develop a University-wide faculty governance system.

Goal Two: Create and sustain an integrated and collaborative UMW student experience, blending curricular and co-curricular learning opportunities within a student-centered environment.

The University will ensure that each student has a distinctive UMW experience that is integrated throughout the student's UMW career and supports the student's continuing involvement with UMW as an alumnus. UMW will establish an institutional culture that is student-centered, collaborative, and responsive to student needs and expectations.

Goal Three:
Promote and enhance a diverse and inclusive community.

A diverse and inclusive UMW community will constitute an essential part of the University's efforts to be fully effective as an institution and to achieve excellence in its work. From the leadership of the institution through all of the members of the University community, a responsibility exists to ensure that the teaching, learning, working environment, and relationships with the community and region support and further UMW's efforts to embrace diversity, access, and equity, and to foster inclusiveness and mutual respect. UMW's institutional environment will promote cultural competencies, establish connections among students, faculty, and community members from different backgrounds, and welcome newcomers from different cultures into the community.

Goal Four:
Enhance, strengthen, and promote the fine and performing arts, museums, libraries, and other rich cultural resources of the University.

The University of Mary Washington will be positioned as a highly visible, valuable resource for a growing regional population in search of quality cultural and fine arts experiences. This will be accomplished by vigorously promoting and supporting the University's fine and performing arts programs, museums, historic properties, libraries, lecture series, film series, visiting speakers, and other cultural events, while fostering a national identity for the University as a place for the arts, museums, and other distinctive cultural programs and resources.

Goal Five:
Create and sustain a strong sense of institutional community among the UMW faculty and staff, and provide the infrastructure to advance the University's mission, ensuring a productive and supportive work environment.

UMW will become an employer of choice, characterized by strong employee engagement and commitment; sound management of the knowledge, talent, dedication, and skills of the faculty and staff; a positive climate set by the school's leaders; effective and efficient work processes; well-maintained buildings and grounds; and high-quality business, information, and instructional technology infrastructures. The University of Mary Washington will also commit to sustainability, managing its resources to meet the social, economic, and environmental needs of the present without compromising the ability to meet the needs of future generations.

Goal Six:
Promote and enhance regional engagement, leadership, and service to the public.

UMW will be connected to and engaged with various partners in the region, the state, and beyond. The University will exist as a forum where regional partners can solve problems. UMW's faculty, students, and staff will serve as professional and business colleagues and resources, promoting cultural awareness, providing leadership on quality public education, fostering economic development, and working to sustain and improve communities and the environment.

Goal Seven:
Demonstrate effective stewardship of existing resources and develop new revenue streams to support strategic plan initiatives.

The University will continue its sound management of current resources and engage in an aggressive effort to substantially increase the funding it receives from both public and private sources, with a strong focus on building the endowment to a level appropriate to an institution of UMW's size, quality, and vision. UMW will also seek the enhanced involvement of its alumni and build new relationships with corporate and foundation partners.

Goal Eight:
Strengthen the image and identity of the University of Mary Washington and expand visibility and recognition of the institution.

A comprehensive communications and marketing plan will be developed and implemented as a means of supporting effective internal communication, helping define and enhance the identity and image of the University, promoting University visibility, and effectively presenting the University in a compelling, consistent, and clear manner.

FAQ

A strategic plan with such sweeping changes is bound to generate questions. UMW's new Associate Vice President for University Relations and Director of Communications George Farrar has anticipated some of them. His remarks follow.

What changes are being made to the structure of UMW?
Beginning July 1, 2010, the University of Mary Washington will consist of three colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, and College of Education. Richard Finklestein has been named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and will join the University on July 1. Professor Larry Penwell has been named interim dean for the College of Business. He will serve in this capacity during the 2010-2011 academic year, while a national search is conducted for a founding dean. A national search for a Dean in the College of Education is under way, with plans for the position to be filled by July 2010.

Does this mean the University is changing its mission?
At its core, UMW will remain a public liberal arts university with both undergraduate and graduate programs. The University will also continue to offer professional programs for graduate and undergraduate students, and will maintain its commitment to regional engagement and collaboration.

How will these governance changes affect the students of UMW?
These changes are intended to enhance the academic experiences of students at UMW. While initially imperceptible, these changes over time are expected to provide exciting new opportunities for students as the colleges establish new major areas of study and add programs.

What will become of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies?
The College of Graduate and Professional Studies will no longer exist when the two new colleges are established. Faculty in the College will transfer to the College of Business or the College of Education, and the degree programs will move to the two new colleges. The physical entity, which will continue to house faculty and administrative offices and offer courses, will be referred to as UMW's Stafford campus.

What happens to the adult degree programs currently offered on the Stafford campus?
Students enrolled in these undergraduate programs will be able to complete their degree requirements on the Stafford campus. In addition, students in graduate programs on the Stafford campus will continue to pursue their course work on that campus. The MBA and MSMIS programs will be offered through the College of Business; the M.Ed. program will be offered through the College of Education.

Why are we making these changes now? Wasn't the College of Graduate and Professional Studies a successful operation?
For more than a decade, the College of Graduate and Professional Studies has assessed the needs of the region and developed five new undergraduate and graduate degree programs. CGPS has been very successful and was responsible for implementing graduate programs that are now being transferred to the new colleges. All of these changes are intended to enhance the focus of each academic unit, to increase effectiveness and efficiency at UMW, and to provide high levels of support and educational programming for our students.

Our Face To the World:

Clothing exhibit unveils lives of James and Elizabeth Monroe

By Meghan C. Budinger

Monroe-family lore says that 17-year-old Elizabeth Kortright wore this dress, left, when she wed Continental Congressman James Monroe, then 27, at Manhattan's Trinity Episcopal Church in 1786. The gown of embroidered silk taffeta was sewn in 1786, but curators can't say for certain which of the gowns in the collection Elizabeth wore for the wedding. The clothing is part of *Our Face to the World: The Clothing of James and Elizabeth Monroe*, on display through April at the James Monroe Museum in Fredericksburg.

Housed in a little building on Charles Street in downtown Fredericksburg are items that comprise one of the most remarkable presidential collections in the country.

The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, which has been open to the public since 1927, wants to show off these priceless gems. *Our Face to the World: The Clothing of James and Elizabeth Monroe*, an exhibition that opened last fall and will continue through April, is a nearly-rags to impressive-riches story.

Included in the exhibition are 42 pieces of clothing owned and worn by James and Elizabeth Monroe, their daughters, and their descendants. They are part of the museum's collection of Monroe-related material amassed by descendants of the fifth President and his wife.

For years, these costumes were highlights of displays at the museum, and they captured the attention of hundreds of visitors every year. By the mid-1980s, however, the rigors of continuous display and harsh lighting conditions were taking their toll on the clothing. Once-brilliant colors were fading, fragile silks were shattering, and delicate embroidery was falling apart. Many of the pieces were nearing the point of total loss.

The last of the costumes was removed from display in the 1990s. For nearly 20 years, these clothes remained packed away in storage, out of the public eye.

In 2005, the staff of the museum embarked on what would be one of the most ambitious conservation, fundraising, and research projects in its history – the restoration of the Monroe Costume Collection. An initial assessment of the condition of the collection was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which named the museum's effort one of its *We the People* projects for 2005.

In 2006, the museum was awarded the prestigious *Save America's Treasures* grant from the National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to fund the conservation of the pieces. Matching funds soon followed from the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society, and the Friends of the James Monroe Museum, as well as many individual donors who wanted to see the collection restored to its former grandeur.

In 2007, professional textile conservators Colleen Callahan and Newbold Richardson began the painstaking process of treating each garment.

The conservation project allowed the museum staff to become intimately familiar with the Monroe family. The costumes are perhaps the most personal objects in the museum's collection, because in them we can see the choices that members of the Monroe family made for themselves.

We can see what colors they preferred, what styles they admired, what impression they wanted to convey. We can see how physically tiny Elizabeth Monroe was (only four-feet, 11-inches), how the shoulder wound James Monroe suffered in the Revolutionary War affected his posture for the rest of his life, and how the Monroe daughters altered their mother's gowns to keep up with changing trends.

Through their clothes, the Monroes spring to life. They step out of their roles as one-dimensional characters in history books and become real people.

The costume collection also helped us understand what it meant to be a member of the Monroe family. The Monroes had to be masters of public image, using what they wore to craft the impression they hoped to give. Early in his career, James Monroe worked to convey the sense of a serious and dependable lawyer on whom his clients could rely. His clothing was subdued, sturdy, and well-made. By contrast,

young Elizabeth Kortright was a fixture on the social scene in New York City, so her style of dress was fashionable and befitting the daughter of a wealthy merchant.

Later in life, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe would be required to represent the new American nation on the world scene, operating in European courts and elite social circles. Their clothing became far more expensive and extravagant, in keeping with the European standard. Upon their return to the United States, the entire family would be responsible for maintaining James Monroe's image as a statesman and public servant, which required a far less ostentatious style than that of the French world they had just left. The Monroe family knew that it was under public scrutiny all the time. They had specific parts to play, and clothing was essential to turning in a successful performance. Throughout their lives, they would be America's "face to the world."

The culmination of four-and-a-half years of work, *Our Face to the World* is intended to familiarize the public with this new view of James Monroe and his family. The hope is that visitors to the exhibition will come to know James and Elizabeth Monroe in a far more personal way than ever before. Visitors also will see how vital it is to protect national treasures like the Monroe Costume Collection. Without these artifacts of our shared past, history is incomplete.

The Making of a Revolutionary

James Monroe was born on Virginia's Northern Neck in 1758. The Monroe family, including James' four siblings, lived on a 500-acre farm, and although they did not enjoy the immense wealth of some of their neighbors, like the Lees and Carters, they were considered "landed gentry." From an early age, James Monroe was indoctrinated into the world of Revolutionary politics.

By 1774, when 16-year-old James left home to attend The College of William and Mary in the colonial Virginia capital of Williamsburg, the American colonies were on the brink of war with Great Britain. James was immediately caught up in the Revolutionary fervor that fomented in Williamsburg's taverns and in the classrooms of the college. When war seemed inevitable in the spring of 1776, Monroe and his classmates clamored to enlist in the Continental Army, and within months they were among the infantry in Virginia's Third Regiment. Monroe was present for Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware River, he survived a severe gunshot wound at the Battle of Trenton, and he suffered through the long winter at Valley Forge.

While Monroe might have dreamed of a long and glorious career as a military officer, his injury at Trenton combined with several other factors steered him on another path of service to his country. After leaving the army, he came under the tutelage of Thomas Jefferson, who persuaded his young friend to get involved in the emerging world of national politics. In 1782, Monroe was elected to Congress and moved to New York City. There, he met and fell in love with the beautiful Elizabeth Kortright. The couple married in 1786, beginning a true partnership that would last more than 40 years. They began their lives together in Fredericksburg, where James established his first law practice and Elizabeth gave birth to their first child.

Few of the family clothes worn during the Monroe presidency, 1817-1825, have survived, but *Portrait of James Monroe*, ca. 1829, left, illustrates Monroe's dress during the period. Pictured right is a plaster bas relief of Monroe's daughter Maria Hester Monroe, 1820, her hair in the then-popular Grecian style.

Portrait by Thomas Sully, from the collections of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Bas relief by Pietro Cardelli.

Americans in Paris

James Monroe and his family spent seven years living abroad during Monroe's diplomatic missions in both the Washington and Jefferson administrations, 1794-1797 and 1803-1807. It was then that Monroe gained a reputation as one of the young nation's foremost diplomats and negotiators. During his first mission to France, he found himself in conflict with many

Mark Finkenstadt

This waistcoat and britches, ca. 1785, date to about the time Monroe returned to Virginia with his new wife to set up his first law practice in Fredericksburg. Although well-made and of good-quality wool, linen, and cotton, the plain style emphasizes practicality, not fashion. At 28, Monroe needed to be taken seriously as a lawyer and to convey a sense of stability to prospective clients.

American politicians who believed he was too favorable toward the French and who felt he would serve his country better by focusing more on pleasing the British. Eventually, Washington would bend to political pressure and recall Monroe. Monroe never quite recovered from the insult.

During Monroe's second diplomatic mission in the Jefferson administration, the entire Monroe family returned to their beloved Paris for some of the happiest years of their lives. Monroe was there to assist Robert Livingston in negotiations for the purchase of the Port of New Orleans, but he was surprised by Napoleon's offer to sell the Americans the entire Louisiana Territory. Monroe's negotiations resulted in the Louisiana Purchase, the largest land acquisition in American history.

His abilities as a diplomat were greatly enhanced by his beautiful and popular wife. Elizabeth Monroe became a fixture at the French court, and Napoleon himself referred to her as "*la belle Américaine*," or "the beautiful American." Mrs. Monroe was considered highly fashionable, and having her name on the guest list for a party was a social triumph. In Paris, social connections were as important to diplomacy as political connections, and so Elizabeth Monroe's status was extremely advantageous to her husband.

Although the family would also spend time in London and Madrid during Monroe's second assignment to Europe, their years in Paris were the most influential on the rest of their lives. Back in the United States, the Monroe family spoke French among themselves and often corresponded in French, as well. They favored French food and French entertaining customs, and eventually, when they began their residence in the President's House, they would furnish the mansion with French furniture.

However, the style of dress that they adopted while they were in Paris was one French custom that they had to leave behind. Elizabeth Monroe's beautiful and elaborate gowns, her exquisite jewels, and even her husband's elegant court suits would not be making any public appearances back home in America. American politicians had an entirely different image to maintain, and the French style of dress was not part of it.

The Era of Good Feeling

James Monroe was elected President of the United States in 1816 and was inaugurated in March of 1817. His two terms in office, lasting until 1825, would become known as the Era of Good Feeling. It was a period marked by peace and prosperity in the United States. The War of 1812 was over, the capital city was being rebuilt, the nation's economy was stable, and there was remarkably little political infighting in Washington.

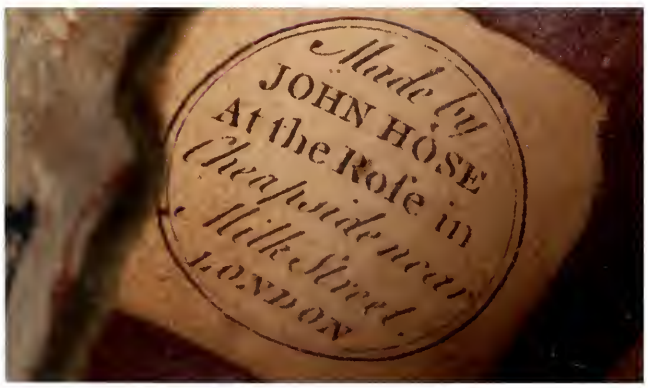
In fact, Monroe ran unopposed for re-election in 1820. His administration would produce two important political decisions that would have repercussions for generations to come – the Missouri Compromise and a statement that would become known as the Monroe Doctrine. The Missouri Compromise established the dividing line between Northern free states and Southern slave states, and was one of the first steps on the road that would eventually lead to the Civil War. The Monroe Doctrine was the United States' first statement of

foreign policy, officially ending the nation's longstanding position of isolation from European political affairs. In the doctrine, Monroe stated that interference in independent nations in the Western hemisphere by European powers would be looked upon as acts of aggression against the United States, and the United States would move to protect those independent nations with military force.

The Monroe family would be the first residents of the newly rebuilt President's House following the burning of Washington during the War of 1812. When they arrived, the house was completely empty, and they had only a few pieces of their own furniture to fill the massive rooms. James and Elizabeth Monroe set about the work of furnishing the mansion and establishing a presidential style for the house. Congress would allot them some funds for use on the house, but they spent much of their own money to accomplish the project. To this day, the oldest furnishings on display in the Green Room, Blue Room, and Red Room of the White House are those purchased by the Monroes.

Interestingly, the time of Monroe's administration is the only period in his life that is not represented in the costume collection at the James Monroe Museum. None of the clothing that he and his family wore during those eight years has survived. This odd omission can be attributed to the fact that any clothes that the family wore during those years were perfectly suitable to wear after they left the White House and returned to private life at Oak Hill, their farm in Loudoun County. Thus, these garments were probably used until they were simply thrown out or given away.

For the current exhibit, Monroe's presidential years of 1817 to 1825 are represented by two costumes loaned by a private collector.



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The style and exquisite embroidery of Monroe's silk satin waistcoat, right, ca. 1803, means it would have been worn only on very formal occasions, such as visits to the court of Napoleon. Trimmed with a border of peach velvet, the vest has traditionally been identified as the one worn by Monroe with his cut velvet court suit. Pictured above, top, is a detail of a gown, ca. 1875, probably made for Elizabeth's wedding trousseau. Originally of bright pink silk taffeta, the dress was too damaged to restore, conservators deemed. They commissioned an exact replica, which is in the exhibit. Pictured directly above is the maker's label from a pair of Elizabeth's shoes.

While the costumes in the Museum's collection have all been restored to a stable condition, they are still too fragile to be on constant display. Therefore, *Our Face to the World* will be both the first and last time members of the public will be able to view the entire collection together in one place. Once the exhibit closes, the costumes will return to storage. They will be available for research, and individual garments may be featured as part of future exhibits, but the entire collection will not be displayed again.

The Museum's staff hopes as many people as possible will come to see the spectacular results of this priceless collection's conservation and learn how James and Elizabeth Monroe presented their faces to the world.

Meghan C. Budinger is curator of the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library.

James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library
908 Charles Street | Fredericksburg, Virginia

Our Face to the World will continue through April 30, 2010.

Hours:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday
1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday

Admission:
$5 for adults, $1 children and students
Free of charge for UMW students, UMW employees, and Friends of the James Monroe Museum

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UMW's Face to the James Monroe Museum

As a department of the University of Mary Washington, the James Monroe Museum has greatly benefitted from student involvement in its operations through internships, class projects, and volunteer opportunities.

In 1962, the Bowley Scholarship was established through the University's Department of Historic Preservation to award annual scholarships to two students in exchange for their work at the museum. Since then, Bowley Scholars have assisted in a variety of projects, including the development of exhibitions like *Our Face to the World: The Clothing of James and Elizabeth Monroe* and creating activities for children like the museum's Young Patriots Corner.

Student volunteers have been responsible for the ongoing effort to catalog the papers of the museum's founder, Laurence Hoes, and many historic preservation classes have researched the history of objects in the museum's collections. Bowley Scholars, and the many other students who have taken part in museum activities over the years, are vital to the museum's operations.

Heart and Soul of UMW's Education Programs

Vogel's retirement will leave a void – and a legacy

By Christine Neuberger

Armed with a doctorate in education from Virginia Tech and a passion for the teaching profession, Brenda Vogel has shaped and guided thousands of educators in her 33-year career at UMW.

When Brenda Vogel runs errands around Fredericksburg, she invariably encounters someone who knows her. When her friends tease her about it, she replies, "It's because I've been here for so long."

As an education professor at Mary Washington for 33 years, Vogel has taught and advised hundreds of students. She has served, too, as architect and director of the University's popular master of education program, influencing legions of local educators and school administrators.

"There's quite a legacy out there," Vogel said. "There are a lot of teachers or administrators who have been in Mary Washington's programs. That's one of the things I'm proud of."

When she retires in May, Vogel should feel proud of many things. Across the region and the commonwealth, Vogel has cemented the reputation of UMW education programs by sharing her wisdom, experience, and love of teaching. Her outgoing personality and straightforward style have provided a model for students – and endeared her and the institution to those who know her.

"Her passion for the teaching profession has been contagious," said Patty Pitts, assistant superintendent at the Virginia Department of Education. "Her leadership will leave a positive mark in this state for many years to come."

Vogel expected a long tenure when she joined the Mary Washington faculty in 1977, viewing the job as far more than a stepping stone.

"I knew if things worked out that it was going to be a good place for me. I was very pleased to be here," said Vogel, who has a doctorate in education from Virginia Tech. "I have absolutely loved Mary Washington."

The institution has loved Vogel right back. During her 22 years on the Fredericksburg campus, she was tapped to wear various hats: professor, coordinator of teacher education services, director of field experiences, education department

chair, and interim assistant dean of academic services. She often juggled multiple duties.

But the classroom gave Vogel some of her fondest memories. Her courses and good-humored nature were perennially popular, said Marie Sheckels, chair of the education department: "Students always came out of her courses excited about what they had learned and eager to implement their new knowledge in their own classes."

In Vogel's office on UMW's Stafford campus, children's books fill a shelf, testimony to the course she most loved to teach: children's literature. "'Your class was like a conversation'," Vogel said, chuckling as she remembered a student's remark. "'You would talk to us about something, and it felt like a conversation. But then…we'd take your test. I couldn't believe all the stuff we covered, *but I really could not believe those tests*'."

Brenda Vogel is dedicated to her Nigerian dwarf goats Emilia, left, and Rosalie, sisters that she took in as kids.

Vogel had two-plus decades as a professor and administrator under her belt by 1999 when she was asked to tackle an ambitious assignment: create and launch education programs at the campus poised to open in Stafford. "That was a once-in-a-lifetime offer," Vogel said.

With her can-do spirit, she plunged in, organizing focus groups with potential students and meeting with education officials. Combining their input with her creativity and attention to detail, she crafted post-bachelor's teacher licensure and master of education (M.Ed.) programs.

Then came the hard part. Vogel helped spearhead the effort to win approval from Mary Washington, state and regional officials, and agencies. She went on to lead the drive to publicize the program, recruit faculty, and interview students. In August 2000, a little more than a year after Vogel took on the Stafford position, the first M.Ed. candidates enrolled.

"Brenda deserves special credit for an incredible job that year," said Meta Braymer, dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. "Quickly creating and implementing masterful programs that proved to be extraordinarily successful is virtually impossible if you are anyone other than Brenda Vogel."

In the 10 years since, Vogel has hardly slowed down. Under her leadership, M.Ed. offerings have grown to encompass seven core programs. The teacher licensure program features five major courses of study. Six certificate programs have been created. Teachers can choose from assorted other learning opportunities.

As offerings have increased, the expansion has scarcely occurred in a vacuum. Vogel regularly consults with local schools to learn their needs. The special education, English as a Second Language, and educational leadership programs exemplify Mary Washington's responses to community requests.

"Brenda has been a tremendous partner over the years," said Andre Nougaret, deputy superintendent for Stafford schools. "She has been a constant in soliciting input from neighboring school districts. Brenda's plain talk, pursuit of quality, and willingness to take a risk or two have paid off richly for Stafford schools."

In cultivating state and federal contacts, Vogel has kept UMW current with changing regulations while bolstering the University's standing in the teacher-education community. All the while, she has impacted practicing and future teachers.

About 770 people will have received M.Ed.s by the time Vogel retires. About 120 will have earned certificates. Many of these have completed licensure programs.

"Brenda has influenced countless students on both campuses, and, consequently, has influenced the thousands of students whom they have gone on to teach," Braymer said. "Her retirement will leave a huge hole at UMW, but her influence will continue in the fine programs she has developed and the many lives she has touched."

Vogel, in her characteristically humble fashion, shares credit with her fellow faculty. She goes to great lengths to ensure colleagues can focus on teaching, in part by assuming extra responsibilities herself. She fills the role of director of field experiences, placing all student teachers, interns, and practicum students in local schools.

"Brenda does everything she can to smooth out the details so that we can educate our students," said Norah Hooper, associate professor of education. "She is hard working and is sensitive to faculty and student needs. It is hard to overstate the importance of Brenda's knowledge, wisdom, and personality on the success of our M.Ed. program. She is its heart and soul."

Vogel spreads her enthusiasm for Mary Washington in other ways. She has pitched in to help innumerable campus groups, including the Alumni Association Board and centennial and inauguration committees.

Colleagues also count on Vogel to be generous with her light-hearted, often self-effacing humor, especially when the tedium of a meeting calls for a little levity. Vogel has received an array of honors, including the 2008 award for Outstanding Faculty Member at the Stafford campus.

Obstacles have barely slowed her down. She tended to duties despite a broken fibula in 2009. An earlier diagnosis of breast cancer led to a long battle. She won the fight, yet it took a toll. Instead of working until age 70 as she'd long planned, she decided to retire at 62 – a milestone she reached in December.

"I don't want to die with my boots on," Vogel said. "I want to do something on my own schedule." And with this summer's launch of the College of Education, Vogel believes 2010 provides a good juncture for her departure: "It's time for some young whippersnappers to have some fun with it."

She deliberately has made no big plans for retirement. Vogel doesn't lack interests, though. An ardent Hokie football fan, she expects to see more home games at her alma mater. She is a nature lover, and she relishes visits to her Fluvanna County acreage where she feeds the fish in her pond. In Spotsylvania, where Vogel lives with Nancy Boutchyard, the pair enjoys a friendly competition to attract the most color to their yard. Nancy, a retired teacher, cultivates flowers, while Brenda stocks bird feeders.

Vogel has a special place in her heart for her felines and her miniature goats, Emilia and Rosalie, who are like family and "smart, smart animals," she said. In her office, Vogel delights in showing the framed photo of the Nigerian dwarves attired in antlers at Christmastime.

She looks forward to more time with the rest of her family. The youngest of four, Vogel grew up in Cumberland and Prince William counties. As a first grader, Vogel learned something crucial: "I laid eyes on my teacher and after a very short period of time, I knew that's what I wanted to be."

Karen Pearlman

Brenda Vogel recently met with Stafford campus education faculty and staff, including Suzanne G. Houff, center, professor of education, and Kavatus R. Newell, right, associate professor of education.

To get where she wanted to be, she earned a bachelor's in drama education from Virginia Commonwealth University and a teaching license in speech, drama, and English. Vogel began teaching high school students, but she plugged away at her studies, too, completing her master's degree and doctorate at Virginia Tech. She realized where she belonged during a one-year stint as a professor at the University of Virginia at Wise.

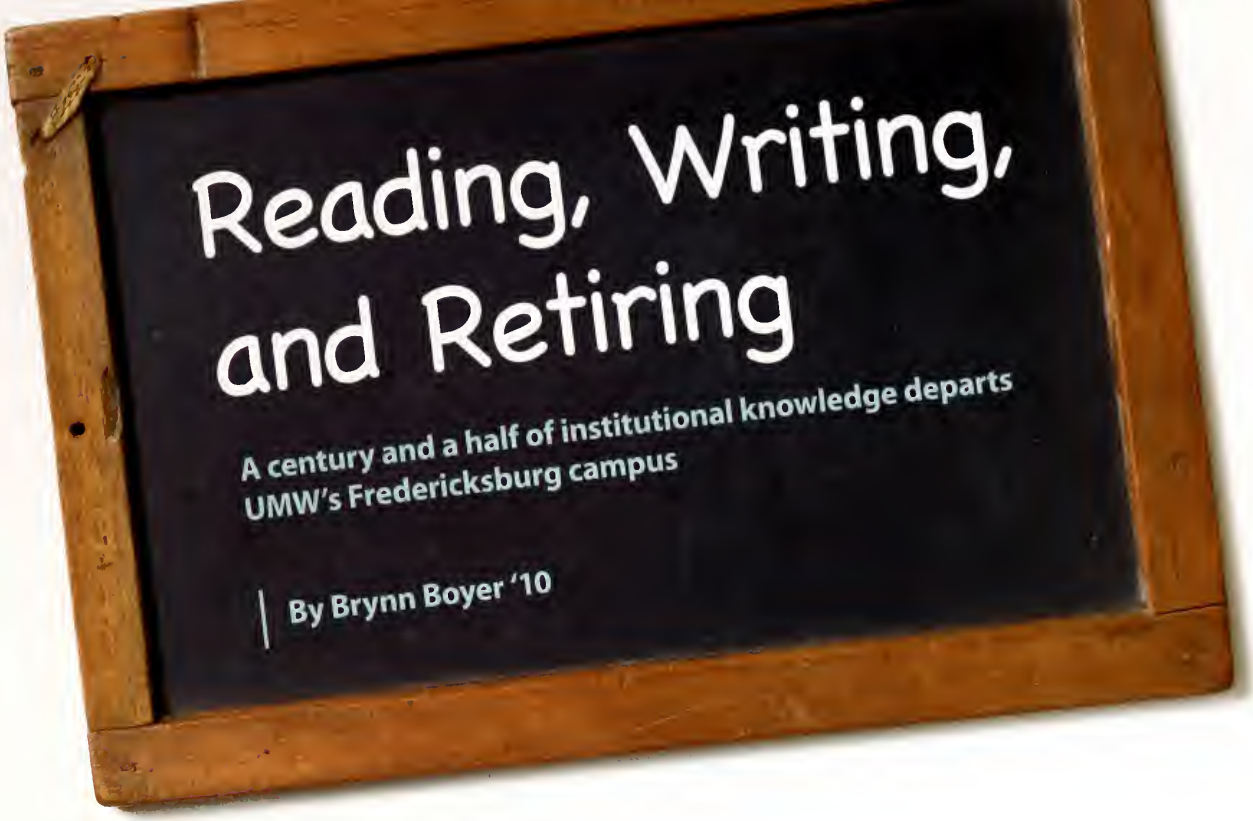
"I knew then that I really wanted to teach college," Vogel said. "I loved it." She taught courses at U.Va., Tech, and Virginia Union. But by age 29, Vogel had landed at Mary Washington. And she stayed.

Vogel was preparing congratulatory letters to UMW grads named teacher-of-the-year for their schools one recent spring when she made a delightful discovery. About two-thirds of the Spotsylvania County winners were UMW alumni. Seeing so many accomplished educators connected to the University never fails to gratify Vogel.

While it's been difficult to get to know students well in recent years as Vogel has taken on more administrative duties, some remain lifelong friends. If Vogel weren't retiring, she'd want to return to full-time teaching.

"I miss it," she explained. "There's nothing more invigorating. You might be really tired or really depressed when you go into class, and you come out rejuvenated and flying high."

For helping Mary Washington's education students and programs fly high, Brenda Vogel deserves top grades.



The week of May 10, several of Mary Washington's most esteemed faculty members will be cleaning out their desks, bidding farewells, and trekking down Campus Walk to their offices one last time.

As those retirees begin new chapters, UMW closes the book on a combined total of 150 years of classroom lectures and interchanges with students and colleagues.

These departing faculty members have seen the school undergo many changes – introduction of males on campus, construction of new buildings, and a switch from college to university status. Some have taught generations of Mary Washington students and others came to the University later in their careers. But the common thread among them is that they have made an indelible mark on the institution and its students.

William B. Crawley Jr.

Among all the things that distinguish Mary Washington, one is the school's historic preservation program, a program that didn't exist when 25-year-old William "Bill" Crawley came here as an assistant professor of history in 1970.

Crawley said his role in the establishment of the historic preservation program was one of the most rewarding aspects of his four-decade tenure at UMW.

But Crawley, distinguished professor of history and official University historian, has worn countless hats at UMW. He has become a Mary Washington icon.

In addition to serving as director of the Center for Historic Preservation for four years during the 1980s, he created the Great Lives Lecture Series; served with his history colleague Carter Hudgins as co-chair of the Centennial Celebration; and worked, with his wife Terrie '77, as co-chair of the Centennial Campaign. He also had a stint as executive assistant to former President William M. Anderson Jr., and he is an unofficial campus photographer.

Crawley and his wife are sponsoring one of UMW's Afghan students, and they have hosted innumerable student events in their home, notably their legendary champagne-dessert reception prior to Grad Ball each year.

Terrie and Bill Crawley love to travel and plan to do more of it when the history professor leaves the classroom.

Margaret Huber has helped expand the anthropology program to a full-fledged major. Shown here in Devon, England, she has a doctorate in philosophy and a bachelor of literature degree, both from Oxford University.

His historian's role, combined with his love of history, propelled him to write *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History, 1908-2008*, a comprehensive and compelling look at the first hundred years of the institution.

Crawley received a bachelor's degree in Latin from Hampden-Sydney College and both master's and doctoral degrees in history from the University of Virginia.

Crawley said his retirment plans include more time traveling with his wife. "I also imagine I will try to stay connected to UMW in some capacity," he said, "as it would be hard to go 'cold turkey' after 40 years."

Margaret Williamson Huber

Margaret Williamson Huber, distinguished professor of anthropology, came straight from graduate school to Mary Washington in 1974, a time when majoring in anthropology at UMW was not an option.

I came "to start an anthropology major," she said. "Of course, it took over 30 years for that to be accomplished, but I have succeeded."

Huber, who has taught anthropology courses at UMW for 36 years, has done field research among the Kwoma people in Papua New Guinea and conducted research on the Powhatan Indians of Virginia.

She received an undergraduate degree from Bryn Mawr College. She then went to Oxford University, where she earned a doctorate in philosophy and a bachelor of literature degree, both in social anthropology.

During her time at UMW, Huber has helped expand the anthropology program from an option as a special major to a concentration within sociology to a full-fledged major. She has increased the faculty to three.

The success of the program "has been rewarding, but so too have been the many bright, engaging students I have had the pleasure to know and to be friends with during this time," Huber said.

After leaving UMW, Huber doesn't plan to slow down – she has projects in the works including a book on the Natchez Indians of Mississippi and an immersion Spanish language program in Guatemala.

Craig T. Naylor

In nine years as part of the music department at UMW, Craig Naylor has premiered 15 original compositions, more than tripled the size of the Wind and Percussion Ensemble, and conducted a concert on the Kennedy Center stage.

Naylor, an associate professor of music, has certainly given Mary Washington a new melody.

For the Centennial Celebration, Naylor set six of Pulitzer Prize-winner Claudia Emerson's poems to music, a project he considers "a highlight of my time at UMW."

He also received the UMW Presidential Recognition Award for *Native Voices, The Concert: Music of American Indian Composers*, which the Wind and Percussion Ensemble performed in Washington, D.C., at the National Museum of the American Indian and the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage.

Naylor, who taught music at several elementary schools and community colleges before joining Mary Washington's faculty in 2001, received a bachelor's degree in music education from Humboldt State University and both a master's degree and a doctorate in music composition from the University of Southern California.

"I will miss the great UMW students who have challenged and enlivened me," Naylor said. "And I will deeply miss spending time and sharing thoughts with my wonderful UMW colleagues and friends."

Though Naylor plans to continue composing, he also wants to construct something more tangible – he plans to build a house on his wife's land in Montana.

Craig Naylor said he'll miss his students when he heads to Montana, where this photo of the composer was taken with friends Hoss and Pearl.

Roy H. Smith

Roy Smith has seen first-hand what a difference 40 years makes.

"I have watched a small, single-sex, second-tier college with a beautiful campus become a modest-sized, coed, master's level University with a beautiful campus," said Smith, UMW distinguished professor of psychology.

When Smith became part of the psychology faculty at Mary Washington in 1970, he was fresh out of school himself. He had received his doctorate in physiological psychology from the University of Pennsylvania earlier that year and

Roy Smith's passion for music – instrumental and vocal – will get more attention in retirement, as will his three grandchildren. Here he plays the cello.

Roy and Cathy Strohl will have more time to enjoy their home in Stafford County, their garden, and Roy's home brew after the university librarian retires in May.

his bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1965.

Since then, he has served as chair of the Department of Psychology, done research projects alongside countless UMW students, and served on numerous campus committees.

His research has focused on cognitive neuroscience, alcohol and drug use, and educational dynamics – topics he has been able to bring into the classroom with courses like Psychopharmacology, Physiological Psychology, and the Psychology of Language.

After spending the majority of his adult life in Chandler Hall, Smith said after he retires, he will have more time for music, travel, and horticulture.

"Mary Washington and I have been a good fit," he said. "Forty years go by quite quickly when you are interested and involved, and when you are old enough to forget things on a regular basis!"

LeRoy S. Strohl III

In 1985, Mary Washington's library was in Trinkle Hall, there were no such thing as 'e-books,' and the card catalog actually had paper cards in it.

Roy Strohl has seen a lot of changes in 25 years since he arrived at Mary Washington from Emory & Henry College, where he had served as college librarian for 11 years.

Here, his title has changed from college librarian to university librarian, mirroring the name change of Mary Washington in 2004.

Strohl also helped introduce the Internet to library operations.

When the College of Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford needed a library, Strohl helped develop it.

Strohl was also an integral part of the design and construction of the Fredericksburg campus' Simpson Library.

"I was so lucky to have had such a great staff to work with over the years," Strohl said. "It was their collective hard work and commitment to quality library service that earned campus-wide respect and appreciation for the libraries and their services."

Strohl enlisted in the United States Navy during the early years of the Vietnam War. After his service, he received a bachelor's degree in English literature and theology from Hanover College in Indiana and master's degrees in library science and English literature from the University of Kentucky.

In addition to Brenda Vogel, two other professors at the Stafford campus had announced their retirement at the time the magazine went to press.

Ellen M. Folk

When Ellen Folk came to UMW in 2004, she was greeted with the task of developing the first-ever undergraduate and graduate accounting concentrations at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Ellen M. Folk

Within the first year, and with the help of MBA Program Director Alan Heffner, she designed the concentrations, wrote the undergraduate and graduate curricula and course descriptions, and obtained the necessary approvals – no small feat.

"There are so many people who did not have the opportunity to finish their degrees the first time around," Folk said. "Our program at CGPS was geared to the person who must work and yet needs a degree that will provide meaningful and fruitful employment. An accounting concentration at CGPS met that need for a lot of students." She added, "I was delighted to be a part of a group that gave the 'bootstrap' to students to pull themselves up."

Folk, like many CGPS faculty members, began her career in the corporate sector. Combining her real-world experience with a love of law and accounting, she decided in 1992 to pursue teaching full time.

Folk has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Houston, an MBA from University of Connecticut with a concentration in finance, and a juris doctorate from the University of Bridgeport School of Law. She also holds a post-graduate law degree, an LL.M., in taxation from Quinnipiac University School of Law.

The leadership and management professor is also a licensed certified public accountant in Texas and Virginia and a member of the state bars of Texas, New York, and Connecticut.

Retirement for Folk will be divided among the following: traveling with her husband in their motor coach throughout the United States and Canada, spending time on their boat Sassy, and pursuing her beloved passion of fiber arts.

Rebecca S. Hayes

Rebecca Hayes recently fulfilled one of her lifelong goals: to hold a koala.

She accomplished this during a recent trip to Australia, and she plans to continue pursuing her passion for travel after her upcoming retirement.

"My husband of 40 years and I have always traveled both in the U.S. and abroad," Hayes said. "We plan to take at least two major trips abroad each year for the next seven years."

The passion that will carry Hayes through her retirement also inspired the associate professor of education in her career at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

During her eight-and-a-half years at UMW, Hayes has taught general education, gifted, and leadership courses; she also served as coordinator for the Education Leadership program.

Rebecca S. Hayes

Her true mark, though, can be found in the local school divisions in this region. Hayes has taught gifted endorsement courses for The Commonwealth Governor's School and Mountain Vista Governor's School, and she led a commission for a major revamping of the gifted program in Manassas City Public Schools.

She was director for the Mary Washington component of three Teaching American History grants obtained by local school divisions. Each of these $1 million grants has offered graduate professional development courses in history and history education to more than 250 teachers.

Hayes got her start as a high school teacher. Armed with a bachelor's degree with honors in history from Westhampton College, she went to Duke University to earn a master of arts degree in teaching. At the University of Virginia she also earned a master of arts degree in history and a doctorate degree in the history of education.

Hayes said she has "thoroughly enjoyed" her colleagues and the students at UMW.

– Melina Downs

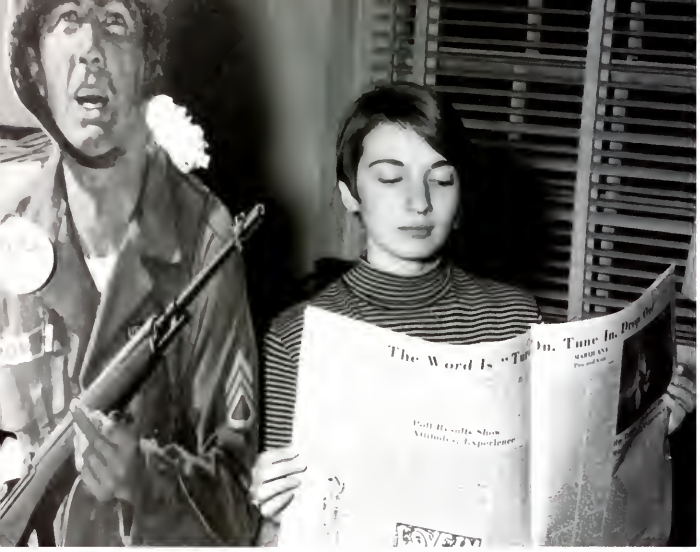


Photo Recalls Courageous Friend

By Neva Trenis

UMW Magazine editors didn't recognize the "1971 Girl Reading Bullet," but readers did – and they let us know it in dozens of emails.

Classmates wrote to identify **Liz Vantrease '70** in the photo, but they had more to say about the remarkable woman. They told of a bright, witty, well-loved student who progressed from campus activist to professional journalist and musician. Mostly, though, they recalled their dear friend's courage during her eight-year battle with Lou Gehrig's disease, which ended with her death in 1995. Vantrease was 46.

The photo – "1971 Girl Reading Bullet" – was taken spring 1968 in *The Bullet* office – then a hallway under Ann Carter Lee Ballroom, according to **Mary Anne Burns '71**. Burns worked with Vantrease on the Mary Washington College newspaper from 1967 to 1969. Vantrease was a sophomore that year and had just been named the next year's *Bullet* editor, Burns said. In the era of student activism, Vantrease pushed *The Bullet* to cover issues important not just to Mary Washington, but to students across the nation.

"She wanted to take the paper in a new direction, and this [photo] was her way of saying it," Burns wrote.

In the late '60s, American soldiers were dying in the Vietnam War; the national draft resistance movement was growing. Mary Washington women weren't drafted, but their friends and sweethearts were. The all-women's school was a "dating magnet for Quantico's Officers Candidate School nearby," Burns said. "Men we knew from Quantico were being deployed to Vietnam, some to die."

Vantrease and other campus leaders wanted Mary Washington to get involved in the student movement against the war. They headed to national meetings of student governance and press associations. They erected four crosses on Ball Circle to honor four students killed by National Guard troops during an anti-war protest at Kent State University. **Gladys Swanson Furness '70** wrote to say the only photo *UMW Magazine* could have printed that would have pleased Vantrease more would have been "one from the demonstration that marched across campus and straight into Chancellor Simpson's office."

Daily Press

Liz Vantrease in the early 1990s

To **Anne L. "Laurie" McIntosh '71**, the photo was a statement of her friend's humor, personality, and plans. "Liz made major changes to the newspaper while serving as its editor – a reflection of the times in which we lived," she wrote. "This photo sort of says it all. She shook things up, took chances, incurred some wrath, but got everyone interested in reading the publication."

In one of Vantrease's early editorials for *The Bullet*, published Nov. 13, 1967, the freshman wrote about conformity at Mary Washington.

> *When a student whose ideas are slightly different from those of the majority has the strength to stand up for what she believes, is she applauded for her courage and strong convictions, or is she ostracized and labeled a 'rabble rouser'?*

On a lighter but equally adamant note, the American studies major adopted the name and persona of freshman "Nellie Naïve" for a *Bullet* editorial, *Open Letter to Mom*. In it "Nellie" writes "Dear Mother," then recounts her first weeks at Mary Washington:

> *I also found out that our male guests are expected to appear in ties and jackets, so please tell Daddy to dress a*

little more presentable the next time he comes. . . .

So far, we've had two bridal showers and three baby showers on our hall. The girls here sure are friendly.

Last night I had a blind date with a boy from U.Va. And we visited the local battlefields. He taught me so many things that I never knew in high school. Isn't it nice that everybody here is so interested in the historic spots?

I will call you as soon as the line at the one pay phone in our dorm gets a little shorter.

Vantrease was a powerful force on the Judicial Review Board, where she worked for open, balanced, and fair implementation of college rules. In general, she asserted that young women had ideas for the future of the country.

After graduation, Vantrease had a successful 11-year career at *The Times-Herald*, then a newspaper in the Virginia Peninsula; she worked as a reporter, city editor, and, finally, assistant managing editor. She won many journalism awards, including one for a special report on the life of African Americans on the Virginia Peninsula 20 years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act. She won Virginia Press Association awards. In 1989, the Virginia Press Women named her Press Woman of the year for the second time. In a 1989 *MWC Today* feature, the former assistant managing editor of the Newport News papers, Myrtle S. Barnes, recalled her former employee and friend: "Liz tackled the news business as she tackled everything else, with total concentration and dedication and a burning drive to master every aspect of the job."

In 1984, Vantrease left journalism and enrolled in a master's degree program at VCU, studying trumpet and music composition. Just after she enrolled at VCU, Vantrease was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), an incurable illness that prevents the body's muscles from receiving brain messages. People with the progressive degenerative disease lose the ability to move until, in its late stages, voluntary muscle action ceases and victims become paralyzed and die. Though ALS crippled Vantrease as she pursued classes at VCU, she earned the master's degree and completed a recital of original compositions.

Vantrease didn't succumb to a hopeless prognosis or waste a minute of life. After finishing the music degree, the Bernardsville, N.J., native penned an opera she had always wanted to write. Through music, she told of her great-great grandmother's struggle to reach a Civil War prison to see her Confederate captain husband; Vantrease lived to hear it performed by fellow VCU students. She lobbied for the rights of the disabled, and she kept careful notes about life with ALS for a book she would write.

> She was intelligent, warm, witty, and like all of us who worked on *The Bullet*, opinionated, passionate, and somewhat peculiar. I was fortunate to have known her, and the world is a little darker since her death.
>
> – Liz Morgan Golladay '68

Vantrease's obituary in the Newport News, Va., *Daily Press* quoted VCU Professor of Music Sandra Guerard. Vantrease "was just universally liked," her teacher said. "She was a very strong woman but gentle at the same time – and her music reflected that."

Members of the Mary Washington Class of 1970 wrote *UMW Magazine* to say they appreciated seeing "Lizzie's" photo in the magazine, especially as they approach their 40th reunion in June. Vantrease attended the 20th reunion in 1990 – her last – in a wheelchair, Burns said. "She had lost her voice, but undaunted, she prepared a small handout of her biography which enabled people to come up to her and speak to her easily."

Near the end of her life, Vantrease was completely paralyzed, communicating only by moving her eyes.

In 1988, Vantrease told the *Daily Press* that before being diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease she had traveled in Europe and Egypt, worked as a newswoman, and studied music.

"That may be one reason why I'm not particularly angry that I'm sick," she told them. "I've gotten to do everything I wanted to do."

Thank you to the many classmates and friends who wrote UMW Magazine about Liz Vantrease and her extraordinary life.

Even as her illness robbed her of mobility and ability to speak, Vantrease found alternative ways to get around and to communicate.

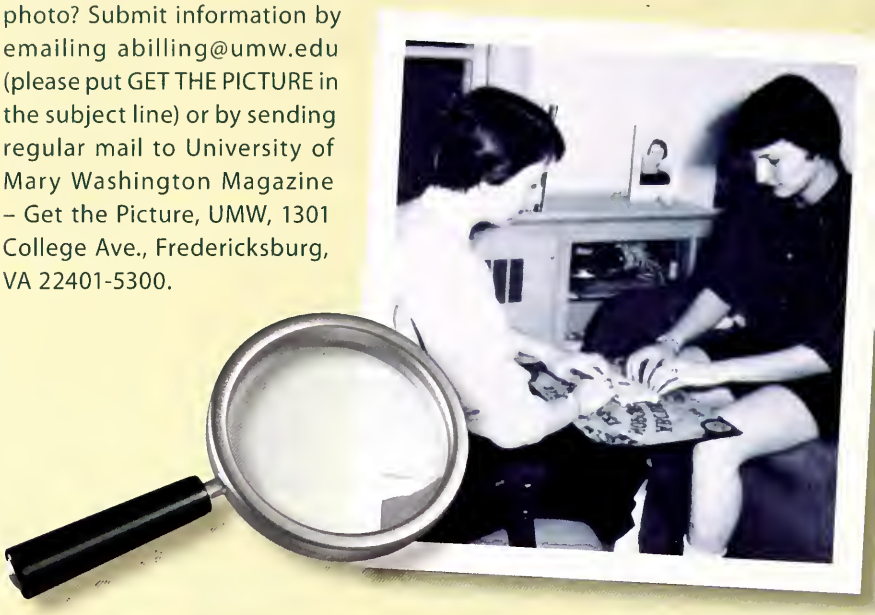
Get the Picture?

Editor's note: "Get the Picture?" asks for your help in identifying people in vintage UMW images. The photos are part of UMW's Centennial Digital Image Archive, an interactive and searchable database that was established in conjunction with Mary Washington's 100th birthday.

The collection, which can be viewed at http://archive.umw.edu, comprises hundreds of images that chronicle UMW's visual history. Some of the images in the archive are identified only partially or not at all. The archive can become more complete from the shared knowledge of UMW friends and family.

Give It Your Best Shot!

This photo is from the 1958 Battlefield. The game-players are not identified; the caption reads: "Let's see what Ouija has in store for this week end. Maybe..." Can you identify the students and shed more light on the photo? Submit information by emailing abilling@umw.edu (please put GET THE PICTURE in the subject line) or by sending regular mail to University of Mary Washington Magazine – Get the Picture, UMW, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5300.



Q&A

Pat Moore

By Jack Bales

Patricia Mary Moore has worked as a cashier in the Mary Washington dining halls for 20 years. At breakfast, she's as perky as morning coffee as she greets students at the register in the Washington Diner. During the lunch hour, she stands outside the faculty and staff dining room checking in Mary Washington staff members. After her own lunch, she works in the kitchens, helping prepare desserts.

Pat, a native of Great Britain, has made countless friends during her years at UMW, and she is known throughout the University community for her cheerful demeanor, considerable charm, and irreverent wit.

What do you love most about UMW? *Definitely the faculty, staff, and students. I love to open the doors and see them come up the steps every day. We usually share a joke or talk about what's in the news. Of course, I have to be careful about the jokes I tell the students!*

What would you change about UMW? *You know, I've thought about that, and I can't think of a thing. I live in College Heights, so even before I came to work here, I used to walk my dogs around the campus and thought to myself how beautiful everything was. Mary Washington was – and is – my neighbor.*

How would you describe yourself? *Definitely a people person!*

What motivates you? *I just love to come to work and see the interesting people I meet every day. They all have so much to tell me. President Anderson used to come to lunch a lot. He'd talk to everybody and joke and laugh with them. He always asked for a cup of coffee and one Sweet'N Low.*

When I worked full time with the students, I made lots and lots of friends. There was one freshman whom I loved the minute he came on board – ***Noah Ristau '96****. He worked here as a student, and when he graduated he became the catering manager here. After several years he left, and now he owns his own catering business and is the father of twins. We still keep in touch.*

Then there was ***Ben Hernandez '95****, who later was on the Board of Visitors. I knew him really well. He was a sweet guy. Some of them come back as guests of the faculty and staff, and they'll say to me, "Oh, I remember you!" And I'll think to myself, "Oh, yes, I remember you, too. You never could remember to bring your I.D. card."*

I must say that Sodexo has been good to me, and I've worked with some very fine people. I've worked for them and with them, and I love my job. It's wonderful when you go home and you know you've had a good day.

Who inspires you? *I know this sounds corny, but it's got to be my husband. This is the second marriage for both of us. We were married in February of 1969. We came to Virginia from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, with two beat-up old cars, a dog, three kids, and one thousand dollars between us. We put that money down on a trailer and we lived in that at Quantico.*

My husband was transferred to the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., and I got a job in the Officers' Club in Quantico. I worked there for 20 years before I retired. But we saved our money, and we bought a house here in Fredericksburg. We've done very well for ourselves. He's taught me a lot; I didn't have a very fancy education, but he's taught me a lot about history, politics, and other subjects. We watch the Discovery Channel and the History Channel. And we're both interested in politics. I remember how my parents cried in 1945 when Winston Churchill lost the election as Prime Minister to Clement Attlee. I was just a child then and was not involved with politics, but I was a Tory as I grew up.

What are your passions? *Old English movies and television shows, especially detective programs like* Lord Peter Wimsey *and* Foyle's War. *I love detective shows. I love it when they catch the bad guy!*

What is something you fear? *Snakes. I can't stand snakes. If I see a picture of a snake, I go to pieces. If I'm watching the Discovery Channel and there's a snake, I tell my husband, "Turn it off. Turn it off."*

What would people be surprised to learn about you? *I finished only the eighth grade. I was a small child during World War II, growing up in the port city of Liverpool. One day my brother and I got up to go to school, and the school wasn't there; the Germans had bombed it. At that young age, we didn't care, so we went off to play. And then the government evacuated all of us kids out to the country, to a place called Southport. We thought we were going a great distance, though it was only 21 miles from Liverpool. But it got us away from the docks and the bombing. In fact, our house was damaged during one of the air raids. My younger brother and I weren't there, of course, but my older sister and older brother were, as well as my father and mother.*

While I was away I got diphtheria, and I had to stay in the hospital for weeks. Soon after I got over that, I was sick with scarlet fever, and that turned into pneumatic fever. So as you can see, I was ill for a long time. By the age of 14, it was time to go out and get a job. And I've worked ever since.

What type of work have you done? *One of my jobs was at Vernons Football Pools, a betting pool in Liverpool. Bettors sent in coupons, which had to arrive by Friday for the matches on Saturday. We checked the coupons to see if the bettors had won any money. It was boring work, but it paid well. After a while someone said, "Let's start a choir," so a bunch of us girls got together and formed a choir. We had fun; there must have been about 50 of us. Then, somebody in London heard about us and came down and checked us out. They liked what they saw and whittled us down to about 20 members. They then made us get in shape so we could show our legs and all that. We became backup singers for the likes of Tom Jones. I met him only once; we would do the singing in the studio and then they'd merge our music in with his. Eventually, we performed on* The Benny Hill Show, *which was a lot of fun. You couldn't tell from the television show, but Benny was a very shy man – though not with us girls. It took a while to get rid of the pinch marks on our bottoms! He liked to do that, you know.* 🏛

Jack Bales is UMW's reference and humanities librarian, and he frequently eats in the faculty-staff dining room.

Books by **Faculty**

(These books are available in the UMW Bookstore.)

Compiled by Megan Eichenberg '11

The Economics of Inequality, Discrimination, Poverty, and Mobility

By Robert S. Rycroft

In this introductory-level textbook, Robert S. Rycroft, UMW professor of economics, draws on experiences from his "Poverty, Affluence, and Equality" course to examine the economic goals of efficiency and equity.

Rather than define the terms with words or mathematical equations, Rycroft uses the metaphor of "slicing the pie" to explore the economics of inequality, discrimination, poverty, and mobility.

Intended primarily for an undergraduate audience, the book is divided into four parts. It begins with a study of inequality, followed by a section on discrimination. Next, Rycroft focuses on poverty, the problem of "a slice too small," followed by a section on mobility.

The textbook provides a detailed development of economic theory. It also includes expanded coverage on discrimination law, featuring analysis and discussion of Supreme Court decisions.

– Published by M.E. Sharpe Inc., 2009

Power for Purpose: Your Guide to Getting Grants

By Shauna Brown

Power for Purpose: Your Guide to Getting Grants educates grant-seekers on the steps involved in preparing to obtain grants, seeking grants, and receiving grants.

The book specifically outlines how to create a realistic budget, state and promote a purpose, and locate grants. Author Shauna Brown, adjunct instructor of English at the UMW College of Graduate and Professional Studies, also details elements of effective proposals and explains what grant reviewers look for in application packages.

The book comprises six chapters that present a comprehensive guide to successfully obtaining grant funding. Intended for novice grant-seekers, *Power for Purpose* also includes worksheets, charts, and lists to facilitate the grant application process. Brown concludes the guidebook by presenting readers with additional resources, a handy glossary of terms, and a list of cited sources for further reference.

– Published by Infinity Publishing, 2009

The Last Chance: Roads of Freedom IV

By Jean-Paul Sartre, translated by Craig Vasey

Craig Vasey, professor of philosophy and chair of the Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, provides readers with the first English translation of French existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre's *The Last Chance: Roads of Freedom IV.*

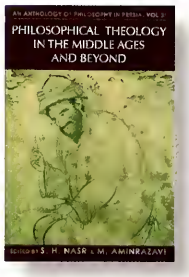
Roads of Freedom is typically thought of as a trilogy consisting of *The Age of Reason, The Reprieve,* and *Death in the Soul.* Sartre's fourth volume, consisting of *Strange Friendship* and *The Last Chance,* were published in French after his death.

The Last Chance explores central themes of Sartrean existentialism, including interrelations of politics, responsibility, friendship, and freedom.

The book includes an introduction by Vasey, a previously unpublished interview with Sartre, and supplementary scholarship and analysis.

According to Adrian van den Hoven, University of Windsor professor emeritus of French, "Craig Vasey's faithful translation represents an important contribution to a better and more complete understanding of Sartre's fictional world."

– Published by Continuum International Publishing Group, 2009



An Anthology of Philosophy in Persia, Vol. 3: Philosophical Theology in the Middle Ages and Beyond

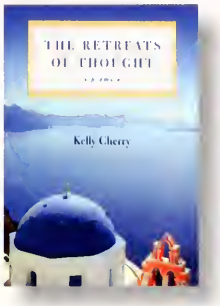
Edited by S. H. Nasr and Mehdi Aminrazavi

Mehdi Aminrazavi, UMW professor of philosophy and religion and director of the Middle Eastern Studies Program, has devoted the third volume of the five-volume series, *An Anthology Of Philosophy In Persia*, to Islamic philosophical theology as it developed in the Middle Ages.

Along with his co-editor, S. H. Nasr, University Professor of Islamic Studies at George Washington University, he presents major figures, their works, and distinctive philosophical schools of theology. Important selections from both Shi'i and Sunni theological schools, such as Muslim rationalists and orthodox theologians, are included in the volume, many of which have never before been available in translation in the West until now.

– Published by I.B. Tauris Publishers, 2009

Books by **Alumni**



The Retreats of Thought
By Kelly Cherry '61

The philosophical domain is the muse behind Kelly Cherry's latest book of sonnets, *The Retreats of Thought.* Cherry, who studied philosophy as a graduate student at the University of Virginia, explores several different themes in her poems, including the nature of time, the definitions of goodness and beauty, the aims of art, and our limited knowledge of the world. According to Louisiana State University Press, Cherry "retains a deep love of philosophical inquiry and maintains that our lives are intimately bound to the philosophical choices we make."

– Published by Louisiana State University Press, 2009

A Westward Adventure
By Melissa Dawn Reedy '02

In *A Westward Adventure*, protagonist Elizabeth Prescott moves from England to America to pursue her dream of owning a cattle ranch. Elizabeth and her brother settle in Colorado Springs, where Elizabeth encounters adventure, mystery, and romance against the backdrop of the Colorado Mountains.

Tate Publishing invites readers to "join Elizabeth as she buys a ranch, embarks on her first cattle drive, and uncovers past truths that threaten to destroy the life she has begun to build for herself."

– Published by Tate Publishing, 2009

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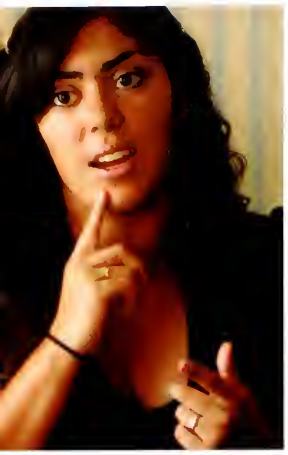
For more information, contact Professor Teresa Kennedy, tkennedy@umw.edu. Register online at www.umw.edu/sep.

Student is state standard-bearer for hearing-impaired



Rosa Evelyn Herrera

Miss America 2010 is not the only pageant winner to come out of Massaponax High School. UMW sophomore **Rosa Evelyn Herrera '12**, the reigning Miss Deaf Virginia, also graduated from the Spotsylvania County school.

Since winning her title last summer, Herrera said she has tried to serve as a role model for other deaf students. "I was shocked and honored to win," Herrera said of the pageant that took place in Staunton. She is the first Latino winner.

Herrera, 20, will hold the title for two years. This July, she will represent Virginia in the Miss Deaf America contest in Philadelphia. "I am really nervous," she said.

A computer science major, Herrera spent the past two summers in Peru. She said that meeting deaf people there caused her to realize how fortunate she is to have access to resources. Working with deaf people in another country "changed my life," she said.

Herrera said she will not let the duties of her title – primarily delivering speeches about disability awareness – stand in the way of her UMW work. While she attends classes and participates in activities on campus, her crown resides safely in her Spotsylvania home.

Harmony becomes UMW student

Mary Turner

UMW student **Mary Turner** is a rising R&B star. She walked away with the award for Best R&B artist in Virginia at the 2010 District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland (DMV) Music Awards held in Capitol Heights, Md., in January.

Turner, known professionally as Harmony Muzik, began performing during down time when she served a five-year stint in the Marine Corps and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Turner began writing and recording her own music, mostly demos; the other Marines in her platoon encouraged her.

In the summer of 2007, Turner and her husband were transferred to the Marine Base in Quantico, Va. Turner transferred to UMW in fall of 2008 from Germanna Community College. By then, she was performing in shows, including one featuring her own music at the Artmosphere in D.C.

All the while, Turner was working with many artists on different labels for projects and shows. When the nominations for the 2010 DMV Music Awards were announced in December, Turner was among them.

She performed at the awards ceremony, singing her own song, *Take a Bite*, with local independent artists Prhyme and Divinity, who were also nominated for awards.

Turner is taking a semester off from UMW as she finishes her first album, *The Masquerade*, which features all new songs. It is expected to be released in late spring. She said her musical influences come from various artists, ranging from Motown to classic rock groups such as Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix.

Turner, a history major, plans to graduate in 2011.

UMW geography students are out of this world

In keeping with tradition, the Virginia team – led by University of Mary Washington students – won the World Geography Bowl competition at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. Five Mary Washington geography students and one graduate student from Virginia Tech defeated teams composed mostly of graduate students from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The Virginia team was coordinated by captain **Matthew Holden '11** and coached by faculty members Joe Nicholas, Dawn Bowen, and Jackie Gallagher.

Teams compete in an *It's Academic*-style format and answer very difficult questions on a range of geographic topics.

Holden was the top scoring undergraduate in the competition and will be on a team representing the Southeast at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., April 12-17.

The UMW-led Virginia Team again brought home top honors from the World Geography Bowl. UMW students participating were, left to right, Brandon Eads '10, Anya Bogdanow '10, Allyson Thompson '10, Matthew Holden '11, Joey Winters '13, Ryan Forbes '11, and Zach Wehrmann '11. Forbes and Wehrmann were alternates.

Home Team Advantage

Anderson Center offers boon for community and opportunities for donors

By Donna Harter Raab

The Anderson Center is under construction near Goolrick Hall. When it opens in the summer of 2011, many people will visit the venue not only for sporting events, but also for arts and community activities.

It soon will be easier to find a seat at UMW's basketball and volleyball games. The same will be true for convocations and other large gatherings at Mary Washington. Now under construction near Goolrick Hall, the new Anderson Center is projected to hold 2,000 spectators for athletic events and as many as 3,000 guests for concerts and community events.

The planning for such a facility has been in progress for nearly two decades. In 2006, the Board of Visitors approved the construction project and voted to name the building for President Emeritus William M. Anderson Jr. as a tribute to his 23 years of service to Mary Washington. The ceremonial groundbreaking was held in September 2009, and construction is now under way, with a scheduled completion date of summer 2011.

"UMW has needed a larger facility for quite some time," said Director of Athletics Ed Hegmann. "Our current seating capacity in the Goolrick Hall gym is about 450, which is equivalent to the size of a modern-day junior high school facility. In recent years, we've actually had to turn students away from some games due to the maximum fire code capacity." Goolrick Hall was first open to students in 1969.

Plans for the new arena include 500 chairs on the home side as well as plenty of seating on retractable bleachers for both home fans and visitors. "I've been here 34 years, and I think the new Anderson Center will help our efforts in recruiting student athletes who want and deserve an appropriate venue in which to practice and compete," Hegmann said. "Our coaches and our students are ecstatic to see construction under way."

In addition to providing expanded space for athletic activities, the Anderson Center will be utilized for other events, including career fairs, lectures, convocations, and concerts.

Space inside the venue presents unprecedented naming opportunities for donors. "Every year, hundreds and thousands of students and community members will pass through the doors of the Anderson Center," said Vice President for Advancement and University Relations Torre Meringolo. "It will become a central gathering place, which I think makes it ideal for alumni, parents, friends, and businesses to put their names on seats, lobbies, locker rooms, offices, and other public areas."

Gaynelle Parrish Grizzard '50 recently made a gift that allows her to put her name on a seat in the Anderson Center. "I read about this new facility named after President Anderson," she said. "I liked his philosophy and vision and thought he had done a great job in helping the University make progress while keeping true to the things that are most important. I decided to name a seat to show my support for his legacy."

The Anderson Seat Campaign is actively seeking participants. For a gift of $2,000 to the Fund for Mary Washington, a donor may personalize a seat in the Anderson Center. Visit www.umw.edu/gift/andersoncenter to make a gift and dedicate a seat plaque to a student, friend, favorite professor, winning team – or to yourself. You name it! Contact the Office of University Advancement at 540/654-1024 or 888/692-0004 for information about these and other naming opportunities.

FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TO: All Alumni
FROM: Sue Bridi '81

I'm writing this message as many of us in the East are digging out from the historic blizzards of 2010. Here's hoping this finds all of us enjoying spring weather as you read this!

Speaking of spring, we will be hosting alumni events in Northern Virginia, Virginia Beach, Baltimore, Richmond, and Fredericksburg. Each event will offer opportunities to meet UMW's Vice President for Advancement and University Relations Torre Meringolo and other University administrators. Join us at one or more of these events for an update on UMW's plans and progress.

Of course, each year at this time we turn our thoughts to Reunion Weekend and our new Alumni College program. I hope you will mark your calendar for June 3-4 and plan to attend Alumni College, which features lectures by UMW faculty and will include such topics as the Music of Leadership, Digital History, Latin American Politics, Everyday Economics, and the Effects of Lifelong Learning on Resiliency and Aging. In addition, there will be lectures and tours at the Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont. Now in its third year, Alumni College has been enthusiastically received by participants – and you don't have to be a member of a Reunion class to attend. You can find a complete schedule and registration information at www.umw.edu/alumni.

Those of you in classes that have reached a milestone this year have undoubtedly already marked your calendars. You will want to be in Fredericksburg June 4-6 to reconnect with Mary Washington and with each other. This year's reunion schedule includes tours, lectures, book signings, and ample time for reminiscing with classmates. You can visit the newly-renovated Ann Carter Lee Hall, which houses the expanded University Bookstore. You can view the site where the Anderson Center is taking shape, and across Route 1 from campus, you can also get a glimpse of Eagle Village, the first phase of which is nearing completion.

Most of all, you will be able to marvel at the sense of familiarity as soon as you set foot back on campus. It's a great time to renew your ties with Mary Washington; Reunion Weekend details and registration information are also available on the alumni website.

Alumni often ask how they can become involved with Mary Washington. It's easy! Attend an alumni event in your area, sponsor an internship for a current student, visit campus for Homecoming or Reunion Weekend or for no special reason, submit news for Class Notes, make a donation to the annual fund, connect with UMW alumni via Facebook, hire a UMW graduate, recommend a prospective student…no matter where you live, you can connect with your alma mater. Your involvement enhances our reputation and ensures our bright future!

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of the Alumni Association for the past two years. My term concludes in June, and although I'll pass the gavel to incoming president **Derek Bottcher '96**, you can be sure I'll remain actively involved with UMW, and I hope you all will as well.

Reunion Weekend
University of Mary Washington 2010

If your class year ends with a "5" or a "0," this is your year! Plan to be a part of Reunion Weekend, June 4-6. For details, visit www.umw.edu/alumni.

Classmates gathered at the Northern Virginia Alumni and Friends Social in October. Left to right, above, Scott Bessette '87, Jennifer Bessom Klaussen '87, Daniel Rice '86, Jacqueline St. Martin '85, and Gerard McGuire '85.

Shana Muhammad '06 and Chad Chadbourn '06

Class Notes

Classes featuring the Reunion Weekend logo have a celebration scheduled for June 4–6.

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I was delighted to be among so many UMW alumnae at a wedding shower for **Anne Radway '63**, given by the mother of **Lisa Elizabeth Bentley Brouelette '85**. Anne's wedding to Jonathan Barber was especially beautiful and the reception at The Barns at Wolf Trap was superb. In addition to Anne and myself, these alumnae were photographed there together: **Sally Sutherland '63**, **Ann Readon Rowe '63**, **Mary Russell '63**, **Cindy Whitaker Finnelly '63**, and **Alice Eckenrode Alkire '63**. **Edith "Dibby" Clark '70** was there but was not in the picture.

Lundy Baker Updike '76 and I attended the UMW Northern Virginia alumni and friends social, which took place at the Clarendon Ballroom in Arlington on Oct. 29.

Word was received of the death of **Mary Katherine Pappandreou Davis '43** in Birmingham, Ala. Mary's father was the godfather of **Eva Catafygiotu Topping**. Mary's sister-in-law was **Lee Wingate Keith Pappandreou '40**, who was my roommate her senior year and my junior year. We were among the first to occupy the then-new Westmoreland Hall.

Myra McCormick Cole, who has lived in Texas for more than 55 years, was an officer in the Navy during World War II and was recalled for the Korean conflict. After leaving her beloved Virginia, she was at Smith College in Massachusetts, then lived in New Jersey and Washington (twice). She spent three years as the first female disbursing officer at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, where she met her husband. They both were getting out of the service, and he brought her to his hometown of Temple, Texas. With three-digit temperatures this summer, instead of "Heart of Texas," Myra calls the area "Hot of Texas!" She worked in the Veterans Affairs hospital for 20 years until her husband, who long served on the board at Temple College, asked her to retire so she could travel to meetings with him. He passed away last September, and now Myra, 89, lives alone. She spends her time with her two daughters and three grandchildren, making crafts, watching TV, and working on her computer.

> ***Myra McCormick Cole '41 was the first female disbursing officer at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego.***

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Hank and I are slowing down a bit but perk up for important and fun times. We went to New York for the commissioning of the new *USS New York*, a huge, magnificent amphibious landing ship. Seven and a half tons of steel from the Twin Towers were melted down and used in the prow. The crew of its predecessor, of which Hank was a part, was able to go aboard. Hank read the names of those who had passed away this year, and another crewmember performed the customary throwing of a wreath into the water. Hillary Clinton was among the dignitaries who spoke, and we weren't more than 10 feet away. The New York Yankees parade took place that same day, so there were thousands of people. Thank goodness we don't live there, but it was fun.

Libby Phillips Roe and husband Bill visit **Anna Ware Roberts** often. Libby brought Anna a ready-to-hang counted cross-stitch of the Mary Washington emblem. Anna had a large family reunion at her home with people who had their first family farm, dating back to 1711, near hers.

Ruth McDaniel Potts went to the 65th reunion with her daughter, Karen, and said the campus is still the nicest and most beautiful she has ever seen, with so many new buildings since we were there. Ruth's family was going to Duck, N.C., on the Outer Banks for a week's vacation with 17 of her 21 immediate family members. She has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren!

Jane Brownley Thomas saw in the paper that **Emmy Lou Kilby** died but didn't have details. Jane talks with **Nancy Duval Andrews** and **Joyce Hovey Madigan**. Jane and husband Jack enjoy their retirement community condo; Jack still works in his own security business. They both love going to University of Maryland football games; Jack gets to see those of his '44 classmates who are left.

Marie Kennedy Robins and her daughter enjoyed an off-season week in the sun, without crowds and traffic, on Anna Marie Island in Florida. Two weeks before, her son and his wife took her on her first visit to San Francisco. She rode a cable car and saw the redwoods and traditional tourist attractions. She knows she's fortunate to have children who take her on trips.

Isabelle Hilldrup Klein and Bob still enjoy retirement. Along with daughter Johanna and her husband, they spent a week at their family farm. Many have heard Isabelle speak of George Washington, who was the Hilldrups' farmhand. She said he is still there all by himself at age 87! Their granddaughter, Robin, earned a doctorate at Yale University and works for the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Her husband also has a doctorate from Yale, where they met, and works with the flu vaccine. Isabelle and Bob's grandson, Sean, is the assistant district attorney in Raleigh, N.C., and his wife, Katie, works at Duke University Hospital. Isabelle was mentor for both during their school days, so she gets a lot of credit for their success.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray loves living in Sherburne Commons in Nantucket, Mass. She sent some photos of her adorable 1-year-old great-granddaughter, Charlotte.

1945 Reunion Weekend

Frances Watts Barker
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My apologies for missing several issues of the magazine. My husband, Jack, passed away in August, following a long illness. Life has changed, but Jack is now at peace, and I realized the blessing of love and support from family and friends at a difficult time. As time passes, more classmates and spouses will leave us. We are thankful for the love, friendship, and experiences that we have shared.

Betsy Shamberger Smart found her way to Parksley, Va., in August. It was good to introduce her to my family and to meet her new husband, Gene. The Shambergers and Barkers were longtime friends in Richmond. Betsy is in touch with **Adrienne Herbert**, who lives in California, and sees **Ann White Leonard**, who attends the same Ashland, Va., church.

The weekend of June 4 to 6, 2010, will be an important time for our class – we will celebrate our 65th reunion. It doesn't seem possible that so many years have passed since we arrived on campus as teenagers wearing saddle shoes and penny loafers. We established lifelong memories and lasting friendships. Now we can relive the "good old days" and have fun reminiscing. There are issues that prevent traveling, but we must make the effort to go, if possible. Our alma mater molded and

enhanced our lives. **Gloria Post Goodsell** plans to travel from Texas. What an example, especially for those of us who do not live as far away! She has contacted some of our class members, which was a labor of love:

Mildred Savedge, who lives in a retirement home in Newport News, Va., has a lung problem that prevents her from traveling. **Isabelle LeCompte Schulte** lives in Fredericksburg and has the help and support of her husband and a caregiver. **Ruth Hurley Nicholson** lives with her daughter in Roanoke, Va., and she also has three sons. **Helen Martha Vest Larkins**, who lives in a retirement community in Harrisonburg, Va., is receiving treatment for macular degeneration, with some progress.

Marie Buchanan Parks, who lives in Harriman, Tenn., will not be able to attend the reunion. **June Ellen Minnerly Borden** lives in Frederick, Md., and has seven children. **Kathryn Holman Hovde**, who has attended many of our reunions, lives in Rockville, Md. **Virginia Edwards Williams** lives in Irvington, Va. **Dorothy Arrington Trivett** lives in Grundy, Va.

Mary Lou Conover Miller passed away in September at her Palm Desert home in California. We remember Mary Lou as the 1945 May Queen.

Doris Lanham Einbinder is happy at her new Alexandria retirement home, where she enjoys new friends and multiple activities. Doris and her Mary Washington roommate, **Nancy Aitcheson Taylor**, maintain a close friendship and see each other frequently. Nancy pursues her artistic ability in her studio and gets pleasure and support from her family.

Grace Bailey Lindner and Carl have good and interesting days at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond. They recently enjoyed a cruise and stay active in their church and as volunteers for The Salvation Army and at the Virginia Aviation Museum.

Jean Hudson Inskeep keeps a full schedule of activities and has family and friends in Culpeper, Va., who help her enjoy her days. Her husband remains in a healthcare facility in Front Royal, Va.

Anne Dawideit Dickinson and Duval regularly meet **Bets Roberts Johnson** and Joe for mini-reunions. Anne writes that "moving is slow," but there are lots of smiles and happy memories.

Chris Brauer Krausse is doing well following the death of her husband last year, with the support of her four children and her sisters. She maintains her riverside home and visited there last summer when family could accompany her.

Dorothy "Skip" Potts Taylor and Wally have encountered multiple health problems. Wally was hospitalized in July and November for an ongoing progressive lung disease. Both Skip and Wally are upbeat, and he receives TLC at home. The Taylors' seventh great-grandchild, a girl, has arrived. At this age, we must celebrate the happy events in our lives.

Marjorie Storms Reddoch sends greetings to her classmates. She and Ruskin are doing well in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Their family includes three daughters and their husbands, 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Grandson Josh Connor, a West Point graduate and medevac helicopter captain, is on his second deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. Daughter Amy Reddoch Connor and her husband, attorney Ken Connor of Leesburg, Va., recently took Marjorie and Ruskin on a lovely tour of Mary Washington, Mount Vernon, and Quantico. Marjorie said it was nice to see her mural painting, which depicts the New Jersey state seal, still on the wall in Monroe Hall. The couple has slowed their foreign travel but visits family around the United States and attends Little League and horseback riding activities. "Semper fidelis" is still the motto at the Reddoch residence! Marjorie is sad to report the passing of bridesmaids from her wedding: **Betty Cochrane**, **Lillie Macheras**, **Betty Cook**, and **Hildy Park**.

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Last fall, I visited my oldest son and his son in Davenport, Fla. I still have 200 pages to read in Dr. Crawley's book, *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History, 1908-2008*. All alumni should read it. Ladies, please send me any updates and happenings in your lives!

1948

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I have had a great time writing our Class Notes for 15 years. Thanks to you all, there was always something to pass on to others and to keep us somewhat in touch. I hope one of you has volunteered to continue the job. Try it; you'll like it!

We took a three-day trip to New York City and, as much as I love the city and its fantastic pulse, I came back exhausted. I have a way of trying to put 10 pounds into a 5-pound bag, and it just isn't as easy as it used to be, is it? I went to the opera (Carnegie Hall and *South Pacific*), saw my working granddaughter, walked miles and miles, and had a gorgeous time.

Mabs Royar Loflin keeps busy with the usual things: church work, altar guild, prayer shawl ministry, and Episcopal Church Women. She is still active in her garden club, as well. She visited her sister in Seattle in September, and then began preparing for Thanksgiving with her family. She hopes to hear from classmates about the latest project, *Memories of Before, During, and After MWC*. Recollections should be sent to 608 Carriage Drive, Beckley, WV 25801.

Mary John "Johnny" Moore Payne has entered another phase of her life. In September, she moved to Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, where she has a freestanding house in a great neighborhood and really loves it. One of her children has a river house nearby, and the other three are within three and a half hours, so she decided to stay where her friends are in White Stone, Va. She has made the change while still healthy and calling her own shots.

Jane Howard Patrick, who has lived In Cooperstown, N.Y., since 1972, still misses Virginia and the Washington, D.C., area. Her traveling days are pretty much over, though she does get to other parts of New York, to Boston to visit one of her sons, and to Niagara-on-the-Lake in Canada for a summer festival.

Charlotte Smith Hill, who lives in Hattiesburg, Miss., is well and enjoys community activities and trips to see the children in Ohio and Nova Scotia.

A note from **Jo Webb Worrell** brought the sad news of the passing of **Joyce Wrenn Warren** last April.

Nancy Salisbury Ellis and husband Walt, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September, have a son and a daughter, who each are married and have two children. Nancy and Walt are involved in a New Jersey farming operation with their son, Scott, and had completed the corn and soybean harvest for the year.

Good luck to **Frances Bellman Haddock**, who has just moved to a retirement home in Fredericksburg that is close to her family.

Nina Giera Schmidt is still shooting her age on links; not bad for a '48er! In April, she and her husband sailed from Fort Lauderdale on a Holland America ship, passing through the Panama Canal and docking in San Diego, where they stopped for a visit with their daughter. July found Nina in Las Vegas, where she met her Canadian daughter for a fun fling. She was expecting 16 family members from San Diego, New York, Toronto for a week at Christmas.

Ruth McDaniel Potts '44 attended her 65th reunion and said the campus is still the nicest and most beautiful she has ever seen.

The annual Barnes celebration took place in Virginia Beach and everybody came to the reunion. **Anne Barnes Baugh** said that, not only do they love each other, they like each other. In September, she and a friend had a great time on an eight-day trip to Iceland, meeting a guide and eight other people. Some of them went swimming in the "blue pool," where hot water comes from deep in the earth and cold water is added so the swimmers don't boil!

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This spring issue marks our 61st year as Mary Washington alumni, and you'll notice our news summary is slowly but explicably moving toward the first page of Class Notes.

Anne "Miami" McCaskill Libis and Claude sold their Baltimore home of 40 years and moved to the Glen Meadows retirement community in the same area where they lived previously for 10 years. The move was tiring but with everything finally in place, Anne took a long hike to reacquaint herself with the area. Noting several suitable hills nearby and having included her sled in the move, Anne already had one resident ready to join her when, and if, there is enough snow!

With another seasonal venue at hand, **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon** and Fred spent much of summer at their beach house in Delaware. Fred had a slow recovery from his second knee replacement, requiring running back and forth to various doctors. They were greatly enjoying their first great-grandson, then 6 months old, and found it difficult to realize that their daughter, Joan, is a grandmother and "little" Amy is a mother. Chot played mah-jongg all summer and was ready to resume oil painting and bridge by fall. The Rexons had booked another cruise in November to rest up before the holidays.

Gwen Brubaker Connell and John anticipated two trips in late summer and early fall. The first was to be a family visit, and the second a vacation in Utah, which they've enjoyed in recent years. A change of scene and altitude, it's a rewarding vista of lofty mountains and a welcome respite from Florida humidity. During their stay there, the Connells were to celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Gwen and Jack!

Having last reported the brief appearance of **Betty Lou Shelhorse Rogers** during our 60th reunion, we were delighted to receive follow-up email pictures from her sister-in-law in Fredericksburg, showing our Betty Lou happily "back in the saddle again!" Her brother and his wife saw to it that she recaptured her equestrian expertise for a joyful ride that weekend.

Another picture was emailed to us, courtesy of **Judy Stone Johnstone**, whose husband, Bob, took a good back-up photo during our official class picture. Bob's version, together with identification of each of the 25 classmates depicted, was forwarded to others.

After Three Careers, Alumna Still Has a Song in Her Heart – and a Heart for Mary Washington

Martha J. Coleman '49 sang her first solo when she was barely a teenager.

Stage fright was not a factor in that performance. "I sang for my father," she said. "I clearly remember it was *Silver Threads Among the Gold*. He asked me right then if I wanted to study voice."

The answer was a resounding yes. For the remainder of her high school years, the Jacksonville, Fla., native spent her summers in New York with a voice teacher, and her career as an opera singer began. She later moved to Virginia to attend Mary Washington, where her passion for opera was reinforced.

"I remember well some of my teachers," Coleman said. "You see, it was the music that I got at Mary Washington that guided me on."

She returned to New York after graduation and later relocated to Europe to continue her studies. She is a graduate of the Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts in Vienna, of the Mozarteum in Salzburg, and the Interpreters Institute of Munich. She was in Vienna at the time of the occupation by the Russians, British, and Americans just after World War II.

"I lived in the Russian zone because it was close to the big Opera House," she said. "Many of the famous opera singers who were there at the time helped to dig out the rubble from the bombed out Opera House. Fortunately, it did not damage the foyer – only the auditorium and stage were damaged."

Martha Coleman performed and studied voice in Austria and Germany after graduating from Mary Washington in 1949.

Coleman spent about 10 years in Europe, performing in concert and in operas, mostly in Austria and Germany. She returned to the United States in 1963. "I felt that it was a stressful life, and such stress I really did not want for the rest of my life," she said.

She performed in musicals (summer stock in Saratoga Springs) for about a year before desiring a change of pace. She settled in Atlantic Beach, Fla., where she got the chance to "be on the other side of the coin" by joining the staff at a new management company. "Instead of being the performer, I secured engagements," Coleman said.

She covered the southern United States, working with such artists as Vladimir Horowitz, Nathan Milstein, Jerome Hines, and Frederica von Stade. When she retired, she became the personal representative to Eugene Istomin, an internationally known pianist.

"About five years ago, I retired for the third time and do plan to stay retired," said Coleman, 82. She still, however, has been known to give musical soirees in her home to spotlight young talent.

And she remains connected to Mary Washington. She keeps in touch with many close friends from her college days. Last year, she attended her 60th reunion at her alma mater.

That was a memorable milestone. "I had never been to a reunion before…and I enjoyed very much revisiting the campus, which is the most beautiful campus," Coleman said. "Mary Washington has, of course, expanded in all these years, but they have kept the beauty intact."

– Janet Showalter

Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons had a busy summer in Lynchburg, Va., and planned to visit with family members in early autumn. She attended the early September wedding of a Peacock cousin in Charleston, S.C., one of her favorite cities. Later that month, she was joined by three more of the Peacock clan for a week at her timeshare at Kill Devil Hills on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Back at The Summit, in addition to serving on the library committee, she accepted the chairmanship of The Shoppe, an in-house gift and sundries facility, and she takes a weekly tai chi class. Andi's sons and their wives and children join her for dinner several times a month, and she returns the joy by visiting their homes frequently.

Also residents of a retirement complex in Lynchburg, **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly** and George took on a unique charge for daughter Ann and her new husband, Tom. As the happy couple departed from their Northern Virginia home for a honeymoon in Italy, the Kellys took up residence in Fairfax to "cat sit" Ann's cat, Angel. The feline's name proved to be a misnomer, as she promptly bit them both! Upon the couple's return, the cat also bit her new master, which resulted in the prompt removal of her incisors (by the vet, Marion assured, not the bridegroom.) Angel now deserves her name and Marion reported that they renewed her acquaintance "without even a gumming." Leaving Fairfax, the Kellys visited the Blue Ridge for some well-deserved rest at their cabin in the woods.

Betty Bond "B.B." Heller Nichols hadn't heard from the other three BFFs recently, but she was expecting to at Christmas. They've told each other that no news is good news and, at this stage of our lives, an uneventful year is a good one. B.B. feels she now is living her life through her grandchildren and is sure our classmates can relate to that. Her latest joy came from Sara, 14, who auditioned for and made the Roanoke College Children's Choir and was to sing with them at Carnegie Hall in March! They were to sing at a festival with groups from all over the country, with the St. Olaf conductor directing them, and were to perform alone onstage as the featured choir. Happily, Betty Bond and daughter Anne, who also is multitalented, were to go to New York for the grand event. Considering their family's musical background, B.B. proudly observed, "One of us finally made it to Carnegie Hall!" Ben, 12, just made third trumpet in an all-area band, and Chris, who is in fifth grade, was cast as Will in a version of *Oklahoma* and was to sing "Everything's Up to Date in Kansas City." Young Peyton, a fourth grader, has been tearing up records at swim meets.

No stranger to the boards, **Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart**, at age 80, is taking a class in a new acting technique developed by David Mamet and William H. Macy. The last play reading she did was Edward Albee's *Three Tall Women*, in which her character was 91. In class, she was working on a 93-year-old character that lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, which was both funny and poignant. She also played an old angel summoned to give advice, including a lot of technical verbiage, in an episode for a new Disney series, *Angel on Campus*, being shot in Toronto. Learning such dialogue keeps the mind active! Conni also played a snooty neighbor in a TV pilot for a new series based on *The Beverly Hillbillies*, in which a Newfoundland family wins the lottery and buys a mansion in a fashionable Toronto area. While very funny, she found it of special interest, as the co-writer is a woman who taught English at Radford University; Conni and **Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt** both graduated from Radford High School. Another acting role cast Conni as the blind mother of a leading character in a dark comedy called *Living in Your Car*.

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart '49 played a snooty neighbor in a TV pilot for a new series based on The Beverly Hillbillies.

At the end of September, Conni and Bonar drove from Toronto to New Hampshire to visit **Betsy Thorne Bultman** and Phelps at their summer home and were joined by **Sara-Primm Turner ffrench** and John. The ffrenches had just returned from their usual summer business in Galway, Ireland, and had many interesting stories about life there and in Stockbridge, Mass., with their three daughters and five grandchildren. Primm and John are still producing their beautiful silkscreen calendars and their daughters, and now their grandchildren, contribute to the fabulous artwork, which is in great demand. The Stuarts and the ffrenches piled into the Bultmans' large van and Betsy drove them to all the quaint New Hampshire villages to check out the antiques stores and lobster restaurants. The fourth suitemate, **Norah Pitts Byrnes**, couldn't join the happy group, as she and Bill had to attend a wedding and could only participate in the festivities via long telephone conversations from Atlanta. The drive from Toronto to New Hampshire is 1,500 miles, roundtrip, and is spectacular with the fall colors in full array. Conni opined that it might be their last long drive, but they always say that each trip probably is their last.

With much sorrow, we must report the sad news just received from **Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt**. In an email, she told of a tragic automobile accident involving Kate and her husband, Bill, in mid-October. Out on a few errands near their home in Palestine, Texas, Kate was driving with Bill in the passenger seat. They were blindsided by a large pickup truck and Bill was killed instantly. Kate's injuries necessitated her being airlifted to a larger hospital in Tyler, Texas, where she spent a week. She was transferred to a rehab center in Palestine for another week, and then returned home to recover further from hip, pelvis, and other injuries. According to Bill's wishes, he was cremated and, when Kate could complete all the arrangements, a memorial service was planned.

Born and reared in Indianapolis, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from high school and served four years during and after World War II. He and Kate met at Mary Washington and, following his discharge from service, Bill graduated from the University of Houston, where Kate also earned a master's degree. The Schmidts made their home in

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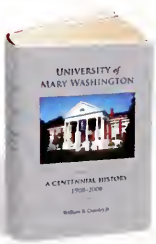

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Houston, where they reared their son and pursued their individual professions. Bill, who retired in 1991 from a long career in the electrical industry, had varied interests, including the Confederate Air Force, clock making, and his ranch. In 2004, Bill and Kate honored their respective alma maters with matching generous scholarships and endowments and continued their service to both. On behalf of the class, our heartfelt sympathy is offered to Kate, Bill Jr., and their family members.

May every classmate who suffered the loss of a loved one during the past year, or any year, find comfort and peace. As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

1950 Reunion Weekend

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Editor's Note: The current class submission has been combined with notes from July 2009, which were inadvertently omitted from the Fall/Winter issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*.

By now you should have received all the information about our upcoming reunion on the weekend of June 4-6, 2010. I hope that many of you are planning to attend, and I look forward to seeing you. I also hope that you felt able to contribute something toward our class gift, which will help promote the education mission of Mary Washington. We read in the *University of Mary Washington Magazine* of the new facilities and of the accomplishments of recent graduates. Although course choices and job opportunities were not as numerous for us in the 1940s, I am sure we all appreciate the education we received at that time and, by contributing to our class gift whatever we are able, we have an opportunity to show our gratitude.

I went on another Tauck tour in May with a friend. Instead of flying to San Francisco to meet the tour, we took Amtrak from New York City to Chicago, where we stayed two days, and then took the California Zephyr out. The scenery from Denver on was spectacular and can only be seen by train. We were in San Francisco a few days, and then went to Yosemite, and down the coast (Big Sur), ending up in San Diego. I plan to drive down to Fredericksburg in June with **Mim Sollows Wieland** and her husband, and I hope to see a big group from our class.

Tammy Clark Carr '81, daughter of **Jean Hughes Clark**, emailed some news of her mother. Jean is living near Tammy in Tallahassee, Fla., and enjoys being active with her grandchildren. Tammy's two children attend Washington and Lee University.

Jean's husband, Doug, passed away last spring, and she is trying to get back in the swing of things. She enjoys traveling when possible and attending her Bible study fellowship classes. Jean's other daughter, Shawn, lives in Albany, Ga., and has a 13-year-old daughter and a 4-year-old son.

Shirley Cole Schleter's son, Chris, wrote a nice letter from Vancouver, where he was working on the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. He is the Omega Swiss Timing onsite project manager for timing, scoring, and results. However, these were his last games as an onsite participant. He wants to go to his home in Utah, enjoy the desert, and play a lot of golf. He also plans to do some volunteering to keep him busy.

I'm sorry to report that **Marge Diener Knapp** had another fall during the summer. Nothing was broken but she was badly bruised, especially around the ribs, and was on oxygen for a while. She had a happy experience before the accident, when she went on a bus trip to see *West Side Story* in New York City. Before the show, the group met with two young members of the cast and an accompanist, who taught them steps and moves, and they all ended up singing and dancing in one of the rehearsal halls.

Barbara Lloyd Hiller and Jim became great-grandparents last January, thanks to granddaughter Jenny and her husband, Darren. The Hillers' grandson, Air Force Lt. Kevin Murray, was married in Indianapolis in November.

Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni's granddaughter is a freshman at Mary Washington and is fortunate to be in one of the newest air-conditioned dorms. She is the third generation to attend the University, which makes Carmen very happy. She sometimes travels home to Lorton, Va., on weekends. Carmen says the kids have it so convenient these days and hopes Ana can enjoy the same types of friendships we did. Carmen has difficulty with arthritis, which is quite painful at times. After a serious medical setback, her husband, Luis, seems to be stable now.

Alicia De Rivera-Cruz and Carmen had a long overdue but merry visit. Alicia doesn't drive, so she had to have someone take her to Carmen's, and Carmen doesn't drive much anymore, either, hence the long-awaited visit.

Carol Bailey Miller had been experiencing shoulder pain and had to give up her horse, Buddy, as she could no longer tend to his grooming and other needs. She has been riding less but still is doing some judging of horse shows and gets together with her friends at these events. She finally had surgery on her shoulder and, after a trying time with a restrictive sling and the need of a caregiver, things are improving. She plans to come to our reunion.

All is well with **Marcy Weatherly Morris** and Juney. He received a good report following his medical checkup in Cleveland. Their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are all very active. Grandson Paul plans to graduate from Mary Washington in May.

> ***Kitty Garland Obenshain '53 and husband are in a senior aerobics class and were challenged to memorize* Thriller *as a means of exercising the brain and the body.***

Nan Riley Pointer of Gloucester, Va., sent a note with an obituary for **Lola Murray Clements**. Nan said Lola suffered a massive stroke and passed away quickly. Nan is sorry she will not be able to attend our reunion, as she plans to attend an international convention of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, held at the same time.

I had a phone chat with **Billie Mitchell Hanes** and am pleased to report that her daughter is doing better after the stem cell procedure for her lymphoma. However, Billie had a fall in the summer and fractured a vertebra, requiring hospitalization and rehab. But she bounced back and plans to come to the reunion.

1951

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Hello to all my classmates. I hope all is well with you and your families. I am quite concerned, as I have not heard from anyone except **Ruth DeMiller Hill** in a year. **Sarah Herring Estes** and I get together once in a while. We have been meeting with **Ethel Straw Beall**, our roommate for two years at Mary Washington.

Please drop me a line. I would love to hear from you all. I hope to have some news before our next issue.

1957

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Your Class Agent has not been conscientious for the last year. News has been hard to find! Now I must break some of the rules that I have made. I tried to write only positive stories, about our travels, our grandchildren, and our volunteering. But now I hear that some of us are in failing health and some have lost loved ones. So I will candidly relay all the news I have heard.

My life is great! I don't ski anymore, but I enjoy the mountains. My older grandchildren bring their college friends to hike and ski. The younger ones live close by in Denver, so we see them a lot. I still teach an intermediate bridge class and volunteer in a nearby elementary school. Ernie and I have been married 57 years! If you drive out West, please stop by 376 Spring Beauty Drive. We'd love to see you!

I keep in touch with my sister, **Marjorie Gibson Blaxill**, who has been hospitalized several times this year but has recovered and reclaimed her life of family, bridge, volunteering, and friends.

One of the first email messages I received was from Jim Rowland, a son of **Betty Ann Holt Rowland**, who is now her caregiver. He wrote that Betty Ann lost her husband of 45 years to cancer on Dec. 24, 2005. They built their first house in Pine Castle, Fla., and subsequently moved to Rockledge, Fla. They had three children: Dawn, Jim, and Jeff. Betty Ann was a housewife her entire life.

Joyce Long Moore keeps busy in Williamsburg, working on her genealogy and doing church work. She was looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild. Last April, she had an attack of pulmonary blood clots that kept her in the hospital for five days. Coumadin has helped. She was to have hip operations so that she can go dancing again!

Rita Brahs Hawkins apologized for a lack of punctuation in her email. She had a stroke two years ago and now can only type with one hand. In January, she and her husband sailed from Los Angeles on the Rotterdam for their first around-the-world cruise. They returned in May after four wonderful months of learning and adventure. In January, they planned to sail around South America for 70 days. Rita wrote, "We are having a blast in our old age."

Pat Seaton Johnson and husband Richard, who live in Florida, have five children, 14 grandchildren, and 2-year-old twin great-grandchildren. They spend their summers in the North Carolina mountains. Richard plays croquet on the national circuit. They know **Dorothy Davis Craig** and husband Daley, who also play croquet.

Betty Brice Lendian and husband Armando, who live near the ocean in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., took a nostalgic trip to Virginia in the fall of 2008. They visited her hometown of Staunton, as well as Monticello, Luray Caverns, and the Blue Ridge Parkway. They enjoyed the cool Virginia air and noticed that Virginia has changed and grown.

Nancy Cundey Peacock has moved from Williamsburg, Va., to Denville, N.J. They miss their lives in the college town, but they are near family and superior medical facilities. After a second eye surgery, Nancy is seeing better "with the aid of some very sophisticated glasses." Nancy and husband Chuck planned to take two cruises with local friends and spend seven days with family at an oceanfront resort in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Their family has 25 members, including two great-grandchildren.

Nancy included a newspaper obituary in her letter. **Ruth Williams Webb**'s husband of 51 years, noted aerospace scientist Maurice Webb, died at Morristown Memorial Hospital last year. Nancy also sent news of **Eleanor Michelet Mulbry** of Saratoga, Calif., whose husband is now in a nursing home.

Susan Hutcheson Jurgens' husband has Alzheimer's disease and requires a great deal of care, but Susan has lots of help and is able to keep him at home. She often talks to **Maxine Haley Hazelgrove** and **Carol Oliver Headlee**, and she also is in touch with **Ginny Orkney Philbrick**, **Phyllis Webb Peagram**, **Mary Lou Finney Boyd**, **Elaine Nader Powell**, and **Rita Morgan Stone**. Susan still plays lots of bridge. So do a lot of us!

Anne Hart Martin is in touch with **Ruth Williams Webb**, **Shirley Bowman Stotts**, and **Jane Self Ellis**. Anne has happy memories of our days at Mary Washington. In July, they enjoyed driving along Virginia's Blue Ridge Parkway, through Shenandoah National Park, and along Skyline Drive on their way to a reunion in Northern Virginia with Marines who had trained at Quantico all those years ago. April found them on a ship bound for Copenhagen, Denmark. They touched base, as well, at Lisbon, Portugal; Bilbao, Spain; Rouen, France; Cambridge, England; Rotterdam, Netherlands; and the Azorean islands of Portugal.

Gwen Amory Cumming and **Rita Morgan Stone** are members of the board of the UMW Foundation. Gwen is excited about the new Eagle Village development, a combination of shops and student housing. Gwen lives in Hampton, Va., and is involved in planning a celebration marking the 400th anniversary of the founding of her town. She has six grandchildren, two in college and four in elementary school. Gwen's daughter is a teacher who also graduated from Mary Washington.

Mary Montague Sikes '57 has written three novels, **Secrets by the Sea, Eagle Rising,** *and her latest,* **Stranger in My Heart.**

Rita's husband, Jake, died last year. Rita writes that she enjoys exercising her new knees during her walks with **Carol Oliver Headlee**, who is a fellow resident at Richmond's Lakewood Manor. Carol recently spoke with her Mary Washington roommate, **Susan Hutcheson Jurgens**, who lives in Gordonsville, Va. Rita also wrote about three recent Fredericksburg trips: one for the President's Council Reception; another with **Betty Montgomery Handy** and her sister, **Ann Montgomery Hogg** '50, to attend the Fredericksburg Forum featuring Ben Stein; and third to a Foundation Board meeting. All three of these events were held at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, a true gem on our campus. Our class is well represented on the Foundation Board not only by Rita and Gwen, but also by **Anne Beck Macfarlane**.

Mary Eleanor Bruce McCombie's husband of 55 years, Bob, died last year. Her health has not been good, but she is very brave and enjoys the view from her retirement apartment.

Nancy Moxley Stone took a canal tour from Holland to Hungary. She has seven children, and her husband now lives near one of their daughters for health reasons.

Nancy Parker Richardson is happy that her son, Rob, and his wife have moved to Durham, N.C., closer to Virginia! Nancy recently visited a daughter in Denver. They hiked one-and-a-half miles up a 10,000-foot mountain. (Nancy must be in shape!) She was planning to meet **Charlotte Adams Harrell**, **Gwen Amory Cumming**, and **Mary Ann Jones Beard** for lunch.

Phyllis Farmer Shaffer, whom we all knew as "Butch," met and married Wally Shaffer in Charleston, S.C., in 1953. They had 47 good years together until he died of cancer. Cancer also took the life of her daughter in 1959. All of Butch's time, talents, and energy have been dedicated to raising money for cancer research.

She also wrote that her former roommate, **Marty Taylor Holman**, "a blonde who played the drums," lives in Kentucky with husband Earl. Butch had kept in touch with **Nora Lea Hulme Watkins**, who died several years ago. Nora Lea's husband, Clyde, now lives in Florida. The Watkins' son, Steve, is on the faculty at UMW. Butch wrote that **June Thierbach Carroll** is still beautiful and enjoys painting pictures of her grandchildren.

Peggy Sherman Caper's husband, Jack, died, and **Carol Edgerton Cooper**'s husband, Lt. Gen. Charles G. Cooper, passed away last summer. Charlie wrote a book, *Band of Brothers*, after he retired from the Marine Corps.

1953

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I recently began an AquaLite exercise class – me, who nearly failed swimming and would not have been able to graduate from Mary Washington. The words "do not need to be a swimmer" on the brochure convinced me, and I'm loving it. Bub and I still travel when we can. We planned to spend the first week of December in New York City and hoped to make it to the Caribbean in late winter. I'm really not trying to outdo **Kitty Garland Obenshain**'s Halloween story (below) when I tell you that I was one of the '49 Dancing Dollies at our high school class's 60th reunion. I wore a long blond wig, and a modest but tacky belly dancer costume, and one spectator was heard to say as I danced by, "You know, that really takes courage."

Please send me your current email address. Our news will be much more interesting. Note my email address above.

Nancy Melton Miller still always has a laugh to brighten the day. When I recently spoke with her, she had just scheduled her last client that week, as she's moving a little more slowly now. Unfortunately, she couldn't make it to Fredericksburg early in November when **Peg Hopkins Johnson** invited us to the Saffire Farewell Concert at Dodd Auditorium. Having never heard of Saffire, I was pleasantly surprised to see a dynamite group of "women of age" from Fredericksburg who have sung together for more than 20 years, billing themselves as "The Uppity Blues Women."

Peg lives in an apartment just behind the huge Eagle Village complex the University is building. The center is going up rapidly and will be accessed by a bridge over U.S. Route 1. Peg was planning a two-week trip to Marathon in the Florida Keys in February with her sister, Ellen. She's still active in the Mary Washington ElderStudy, serving as vice president. She and I enjoyed a recent 24-hour visit; however, we were only able to stay up gabbing until 12:30 a.m.

Our dear **Connie Bennett Elliott** lost her brave battle with

cancer on Aug. 17. Connie's musical talent was only outshone by her warm friendly personality. Remember all the times she answered our requests to sit at the piano and just play for us? Surely, my fondest memory is when she played at our wedding and **Shirley Sinnard Lindell** sang. At Connie's service, her children memorialized her as a "great accompanist," noting these characteristics: her ability to listen actively and make changes to match sounds, being open-minded, having a great deal of patience. Sentiments included, "She knew the true purpose of manners: to make people feel comfortable and to smooth over awkward social moments" and "She never shrank from playing her part, no matter how difficult."

Another talented pianist, **Kitty Garland Obenshain**, and her husband are in a senior aerobics class and recently were challenged to memorize *Thriller* as a means of exercising the brain and body. At Halloween, the group dressed in costumes. Ray went as a skinny pumpkin. Kitty won a prize for her cat outfit (complete with black tights and exercise shorts, and leopard-print ears and tail). She notes that she's 78 on the outside and 8 on the inside!

Kitty and Ray recently had lunch with **Ginny Bailes**, who described them as looking "very young and snappy." Ginny was planning a relaxing Thanksgiving and looking forward to putting up her fiber optic Christmas tree. She also manages two rental properties.

1954

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My son and four grandchildren, ages 10, 7, 5, and 2, stayed with me for two weeks before heading back to Germany. I hadn't seen them for 14 months, so the visit was especially wonderful. We've also seen their Air Force doc mom a couple of times, since her deployment includes accompanying ICU patients to hospitals in the States, including Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Navy medical hospitals. She gets to spend a few days with her family between flights, instead of the few hours per week she had with them during most of the past two years.

While traveling through Virginia's Shenandoah Valley in September, I visited **Ann "Lewie" Payne Long**, who was just home from rehab after her August back surgery. She says she's doing fine and looks it, too. They have such a lovely spot in the valley.

My sister, **Mary Ann Gillespie Corbett '50**, and I spent five days in October touring Boston, a first visit there for us both. We still didn't see everything, so we must go back. I also visited Telluride, Colo., another first, for a few days with my daughter, Rachel, and her husband. We returned via their home in Lincoln, Neb., so I could meet their three cats.

Please send those promised notes to me for the next issue.

1955 Reunion Weekend

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OK, did everyone hibernate for the winter? Either everyone found a cave and crawled in or flew to sunnier climes until the economy changes, because my responses were few and far between.

I have written that my granddaughter and granddog are living with Neil and me. The granddaughter is a high school sophomore, and none of us has tried to kill each other, dog included. She is really delightful to have around, and I am gradually coming up to speed on fashion and language. Music is another thing entirely. Yes, I have become both my mother and my daughter. The big news, however, is that my granddaughter is to be an exchange student at Eberhard-Ludwigs-Gymnasium in Stuttgart, Germany. I'm so proud of her for being accepted. The private exchange has gone on for more than 50 years between our high school and theirs. My son was the exchange student in 1981/1982, and it truly changed his life.

Once again, a reminder of Reunion Weekend, June 4-6 – 55 years. I can hardly believe it! I plan to go with **Charlotte Fisher Klapproth**, who had to get out her trusty calendar to make sure there was not a mistake somewhere along the line.

I had a nice talk about the reunion with **Ann Strickler Doumas**.

Save the evening of June 4 for a gathering at her home. By the time you read this, the exact time should have been sent to you.

Carol Cooper is recruiting people to call classmates for reunion donations and **Bee Melillo Shanahan** is handling the reunion arrangements. She was recovering from the flu and looking forward to having an early December Christmas with the family in Connecticut, and then having another Christmas with more family in Florida, where the Shanahans planned to stay through April.

Ann says that **Jean Byrd Steelman** owns several preschools in Virginia and that **Roberta Linn Miller** has restored another old house in King of Prussia, Pa. This time, it is not a B&B.

Betsy Blackwell Fowler has visited twice with her suitemate **Jo Jane Williams Van Hook**. The first was in Mobile, Ala., for some Mardi Gras festivities, and the second was in Northern Virginia, where Jo Jane and her husband were visiting her son, who is stationed in the area. Betsy was looking forward to seeing her again since they planned to come up for Thanksgiving. Aside from a trip last November to Korea, China, and India, Betsy had no new big trips planned. Instead, they have spent time on maintenance and upkeep of home and health. In the spring, they replaced their deck with an all-glass sunroom, which has allowed them to enjoy the outdoors without an invasion of mosquitoes. They hoped for a nice snowfall this winter to enjoy from the comfort of their glass bubble. The Fowlers did manage a short Elderhostel trip, joining friends for a three-day Shakespeare festival in Staunton, Va., where there is a replica of London's Blackfriars Theatre. They were treated to three performances and enjoyed learning about the choreography of fight scenes and other behind-the-scenes activity. Betsy said returning to the world of academia was an uplifting experience.

Mary Kate Bird Dellett flew during the first part of November from Oregon to Arizona for the winter. Thanksgiving was to be spent in Las Vegas watching her son-in-law auto race, and Christmas was to be spent in Hawaii, again with family. Fortunately, she has a daughter who loves to travel even more than she does. She planned to head back to Oregon in January to move to a new house, then finish the winter in Arizona, and go back to Oregon for the summer. She is in both the Phoenix and Portland, Ore., phonebooks and would like to hear from and see college friends.

There were no exotic trips for **Betsy Land Johnson**, but she did go to New York City over Labor Day with three lady friends from Green Bay, Wis., two of whom had never been to "The Big Apple." They were there for five days and had a wonderful time. They saw two Broadway plays and all the sights, from Harlem to The Battery.

Barbara Trites Peterson had a nice chat with **Carol Cooper** about the upcoming class reunion. She hopes to be able to go this time. Barbara took a class at Columbia Theological Seminary to help her teach Bible study to her circle. Her grandson started college this year at Old Dominion University. He is in a brand new dorm and has one roommate and a private bath.

Nancy Shope Armbruster of New Mexico moved to Plaza del Monte, a small faith-based retirement community in the heart of downtown Santa Fe. The Armbrusters love their small house in a beautiful park-like oasis peopled with old friends from the Presbyterian Church two blocks away. They have rediscovered gardening as a hobby and are transforming their backyard into a beautiful retreat with trees, bushes, and perennial flowerbeds that need little water. Their daughter is an assistant professor at Radford University. Nancy visited her last fall and was surprised to discover how much the campus layout and architecture matches Mary Washington's. Their other children are scattered around the country in Los Angeles; Boulder, Colo.; and Indianapolis, where the Armbrusters planned to spend Thanksgiving.

Sherry Farrington Green '60 earned the bronze medal at a U.S. Fencing Association competition in Texas.

Sally Hanger Moravitz and Fran enjoyed a beautiful fall, getting to go out on their little Jon boat. Both hooked a fish within seconds of each other and had a time hauling them in. His was 35 inches. Hers was 32 inches. She thought she'd hooked her line on the bottom, and she put her rod in the holder. A true "fish story!" Sally looks forward to seeing classmates at the reunion.

See you all at the reunion!

1956

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1957

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A lovely letter from **Grace Vakos Dragos** sets the tone for this issue: Contentment equals long happy marriages, beautiful grandchildren, and a comfortable life. Grace and husband George have four daughters, all living near them in Virginia Beach. In the winter they enjoy a home in Gulf Stream, Fla., near Palm Beach. Grace invites us to visit. One granddaughter is at Mary Washington and loves it! Grace frequently sees **Dottie Spence Dederick**, as does **Carolyn Ball Baldwin**. Carolyn and her husband have three daughters living nearby. She enjoys her family and reading.

Gil Chamblin Wise and her husband retired in Jacksonville, S.C., and love the area in spite of the hurricanes. They've survived two of them! They have three daughters, one in Jacksonville and two in Oregon, where the family gets together for Christmas. They also have four grandchildren.

Born and raised on a farm, **Mary Armistead Milton** continued the pastoral life with her husband of 50 years. They have raised soybeans, hay, and dairy cows for many years and now are raising beef cattle, too. It's a demanding but rewarding life. They have two daughters and six grandchildren, all within easy visiting distance. Mary's life is one of service. She's active in several farm organizations, helping children learn where their food comes from. She enjoys a quilting party that makes lap robes for cancer victims and quilts to be sold at fundraisers. She is as busy as **Mary Montague "Monti" Sikes**!

Monti has written three novels, *Secrets by the Sea*, *Eagle Rising*, and her latest, *Stranger in My Heart*. *Secrets by the Sea* was nominated in the fiction category of the 12th annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards. A piece of her artwork, *Blue Falls*, hangs in the Wolf Law Library at William & Mary. She recommends *Return from Tomorrow*, a book written by **Bruce Ritchie Spain**'s brother, George G. Ritchie. It's a fascinating account of his near-death experience. By our next issue, I plan to have read Monti's books and will share my impressions.

Love of skiing took **Nancy Hallett Guest** and family to Vail, Colo., where they have wintered for many years. At age 45, their oldest son became the father of twin girls. He has six children now and all are skillful skiers! The second son has a successful career in Manhattan.

Sally Strawhand Westphalon and her husband winter in Vero Beach, Fla. Sally says it's a paradise – lovely, low-key, and with no high-rise buildings. After a successful public relations career in New York City, Sally now combines her love of music and ad hoc public relations. That and tennis keep her well occupied.

Betsy Jones Ware and husband Latene have wonderful adventures with their children and grandchildren. Last summer, they vacationed with all the family in Italy. Their son, Latene Jr., and his wife and two daughters have moved to Argentina for two years, immersing themselves in Spanish. Muy bien! This, of course, requires the family to visit Buenos Aires often.

Vickie Majure Souder's daughter, Elizabeth, and family live in London, and Vickie and family attended the formal swearing in of the new ambassador to the Court of St. James! Vickie said that being at this historic event, with all its British pomp and circumstance, was a thrill and an honor. I look forward to seeing Vickie this winter, as she spends six weeks on Florida's east coast.

I end with a tribute to **Verne Oliver Tyson**, who died in December of 2007 after a courageous battle with cancer. According to her obituary, kindly emailed by **Bruce Spain**, Verne's happiest moments were with her loving husband of 50 years, her children and grandchildren, and the many friends she gathered in a lifetime of helping others.

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I am on the board of the Shenandoah Arts Council in Winchester, along with new member **Richard W. Pifer Jr. '02**.

On Oct. 10, I celebrated my Handley High School 55th Reunion. Other Handley graduates include **Norma Carter McManis**, who attended Mary Washington for one year; Carle Germelman, husband of **Donna Pethick '59** and father of **William E. Germelman '91**; and Jerry Casey, husband of **Joyce Larrick Casey '60**.

Joyce Butter Allen, whom I had not seen since our Mary Washington 50th Reunion, had been busy looking for **Alice Janklow Drucker**, who attended Mary Washington for two years. Alice has been married to Harold Drucker for 48 years, and their son and daughter are attorneys. She has worked in her brother's publishing business for 40 years. Joyce has Googled Alice's roommate, **Martha Kimball**, and was to send information.

Jerry Sample Stocks sent Joyce a photo of **Mary McCardell Furr**, **Carol Ann Lasalle Knelling**, and **Fran Karins Updike** during a recent get-together.

Dodie Tyrell '60, serves on a federal disaster response team and is on call for a month, twice a year, to travel worldwide to help in ravaged areas. She never dreamed she'd be wearing combat boots and heading off to far-flung places at 70-plus years old.

After reading in *University of Mary Washington Magazine* that **Jean Lee Anderson Chapman** had been treated for melanoma, **Carolyn Foy Trela** of Santa Fe, N.M., asked for help contacting her, as Carolyn also has been in treatment for two years in a California melanoma clinic. The treatments were all clinical trials, and she said the last one had eliminated the melanoma. I connected Jean Lee and Carolyn, and they shared their experiences. Jean Lee, who has spent time camping in Florida, frequently sees **Peggy Saunders Burrough** and had a great recent visit with **Kay Ruth McMillan**.

Kay Martin Britto and her family still enjoy living at the beach in North Carolina. Kay volunteers as an ESL teacher, reads to local kindergarteners, and still works about 10 hours a week at the public library. She had a wonderful time traveling in Croatia with their two daughters. Their granddaughter is now a college freshman.

1959

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Thank you so much for all of your emails and notes. Our 50th reunion was a team effort; **Dodie Reeder Hruby** and her committees were fantastic. It has always given me great joy to serve as your Class Agent. (Your UMW chair is the first item you see when you enter my house.)

Little Lucas Adam Rogers is as cute and smart as any grandson could possibly be. Aren't I lucky and blessed? His hobbies include clapping, reading books with his parents, jumping, and eating sweet potatoes and applesauce. He is always in a good mood.

Not much news this time, girls, but I know how busy you all are. Note: When you donate this year, be sure it goes to the 1959 Class Endowment Fund.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers was in Richmond for a July conference, and we were able to "do lunch." **Pat Gray Proulx** attended her high school reunion in Tappahannock in June. She talked to **Marianne Carrano Raphaely**; she relayed the news that **Marcella Stapor**'s sister passed away. **Jane Tucker Broadbooks** wrote that John enjoyed the reunion as much as she did. In June, they attended a craft fair in Black Mountain, N.C. And who did they meet? **Celeste Shipman Kaufman**!

Anne Brooks Coutsoubinas reminisced about the 50th: "We are all a good-looking bunch of old broads." She and Speros were in Greece in July and August and went to some new museums. They had a grand time, except for the part where Speros was knocked down by a thief who was being chased by the police. Would you believe he needed stitches in his elbow?

Susan Hughes Whitaker's husband of 42 years, Hugh, wrote that Susan was killed in April one mile from their Maryland home by a trucker who was speeding on the wrong side of the road and lost control. Susan and Hugh have two sons and four grandsons, ages 8 to 15. Susan was a substitute teacher for more than 30 years, and Hugh is a retired principal.

Madeline Lankford Withers, who was not feeling well at our 50th, was diagnosed with colon cancer upon her return home. But after surgery in August, she is cancer-free. Hooray!

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By the time you receive this news, our grand and glorious fabulous 50th reunion at Mary Washington will be upon us. As of this writing in mid-November, we had close to 50 classmates promising to come! Hopefully, there will be lots more by the time the big day arrives. We want to see all of you!

We have about 10 additions to our own ever-growing Class of '60 email list, which includes about 180 names. You can still add your email address (and birthday, if you like) to receive our monthly News Flash, including birthdays.

Karen Larsen Nelson and Darrell spent three months at Senior Summer Camp and competed in their own Senior Olympics at their resort in the White Mountains of Arizona. It was a busy time, and they were glad to head off in September for a week of dancing in New Mexico. They returned to their conventional life in Mesa, Ariz., for the winter. Karen had a short but very nice visit last fall, reminiscing about freshman and sophomore years with **Lu Omasta Clark** of Payson, Ariz. They both were in the pre-nursing program, but Lu transferred to U.Va. while Karen chose to stay at Mary Washington and major in psychology. Karen's winter project with Darrell was to plan an extensive spring trip east, heading from Arizona to Florida for the high school graduation of their son's oldest daughter in May; then north for a dance week at Fontana Dam, N.C.; then to Fredericksburg for the reunion, with visits to friends and relatives in the D.C. area, before returning to Florida for a full-family get-together for their own fabulous 50th anniversary party. They should get back to Senior Summer Camp by the Fourth of July.

As president of Friends of the Library in Clermont, Fla., **Jody Campbell Close** completed a 2½-year campaign to finance a $15 million, 50,000-square-foot modern library and, in September, she was honored for her hard work by the local chamber of commerce. She said it was "a huge surprise and a pleasant one but, instead of a plaque, I wish the award had been a personal assistant for a year!" In October, their Friends organization received a locally prestigious community service award, which proved to be useful for recruiting members. Jody says her newfound passion for genealogy seems a lot like being Class Agent: searching for the lost, trying to wheedle stories out of folks on the list, and relishing the continuity of long-term connections to family (or classmates).

Sue Smith Goodrick spent a week last summer on a Viking River Cruise on the Danube, traveling from Budapest, Hungary, to Nuremburg, Germany. Record-setting rains that flooded the river curtailed the boat trip at Vienna, Austria, and Sue had to complete the trip by motor coach. She said the scenery and the excursions to ancient palaces and fortresses were awesome. She also wrote that our monthly birthday list was the incentive she needed to get in touch with her Mary Washington roommate of four years, **Diane Hays Neuman**, to reestablish their connection.

Wearing her Reunion Committee hat, Sue also talked to many other classmates. **Nancy Cleaves Blaydes** earned a master's degree in social work at the Medical College of Virginia; **Nancy Cundiff Moir** taught public school for 25 years, taught ESL for many years and, in 1994, earned a master's degree in school counseling; and **Bonnie Davis Hall** has taught English, social studies, and Spanish while pursuing graduate studies, traveling extensively, living in Europe, and working for a state senator in Boston.

Sue also talked to several classmates we have email addresses for but have never heard from: **Jane L. Echols** transferred to the University of Virginia School of Nursing after sophomore year; art major **Jeanette Meyer Juren** taught kindergarten for 30 years, then exercised her artistic talents in the fields of pottery and fabrics, especially wall hangings; **Genevieve Poplin Coles**, who majored in chemistry, worked in a research lab in Richmond; and **Janet Caldwell Fauver**, who, like her twin sister, **Nancy Caldwell Gordon**, chose to get married at the end of freshman year.

In June, **Sherry Farrington Green** went to "a great Meeting of the Clan…all the children and grandchildren…casts of thousands." In July, she earned the bronze medal at a U.S. Fencing Association competition in Texas and was hoping for even better in August in San Francisco.

> ***Lloyd Tilton Backstrom '61 traveled to Central America and went rip-lining through the rainforest.***

Nancy Carruthers Meeker keeps busy with golf and bridge. Frequent trips to visit children and grandchildren in Florida and California keep them "bicoastal."

In preparation for the reunion in June, the Reunion Committee called class members. **Page Shafer Frischkorn** talked to **Mary Jane Stevens Taylor, Betsy Hopkins Hays, Ellen Dunne Bresnahan, Gretchen Squires Best, Carolyn Lawrence Jackson, Mollie Watson Womble, Sharane "Mickey" McManus Dukatz, Joan Dunn Diener, Nancy Cundiff Moir**, and **Nancy Ball**, many of whom have shared news with us throughout the last few years.

Karen Larsen Nelson talked with **Dodie Tyrell**, who serves on a federal disaster response team and is on call for a month, twice a year, to travel worldwide to help in ravaged areas. Last fall, she narrowly escaped going to American Samoa during and after the flooding. She said that at 70-plus years old, she never dreamed she'd be wearing combat boots and heading off to far-flung places.

Syd Collson Chichester made contact with **Joyce Jeffries Kendall; Hilda Beazley Burcher**, who lives in Alexandria; **Marilla Mattox Haas**, who works for UMW and the City of Fredericksburg; and **Nancy Seward Howard**, who joined the Reunion Committee to help with our class reception. (She and husband Norman recently sold their wonderful inn in upstate New York.) Others were **Jean Clark Weatherson, Judy Davidson Creasy, Mona Allen Spilo, Travers Moncure Evans**, and **Bea Cressman MacLetchie**.

In October, Syd went on a humanitarian trip to Ghana, Africa, as a 30-year teacher representing Fredericksburg's Sister Cities. Syd also shared that **Patty Morgan Connolly** has completed a "hunter pace" on her new horse, involving eight to nine hours of grueling riding over wet terrain and about 35 jumps!

Checking in for the first time, **Betty Oliver Bridgman** retired with Victor, her husband of 48 years, to Colorado Springs, Colo., from Wilmington, Del., more than four years ago to be near their son and grandsons. Betty taught school for 23 years, was in real estate for 26 years, and took on jobs in choir directing and organ playing.

We lost contact with **Joyce Neill Krost** for a while, but she emailed last fall that she was spending the winter painting in Spain.

Please send us news, ladies. We're always ready to hear about your adventures and classmates with whom you have reconnected.

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From Connie: It is not too early to start thinking about our 50th reunion in 2011 – June 3-5. Keep your calendars free for that weekend. Our class has a reputation for high energy and spirit at reunions and we want to live up to

that! Apparently, our sister class of 1959 did a bang-up job of theirs last year, so we can get some tips from them. The important thing is for all of us to be there!

Andy and I are thrilled to have moved south to be near our grandson Leo and his parents! The economic downturn has not been kind to Elaine and Matt's new green business, but they are hanging on and have received recognition from the community and state for their efforts. Elaine was featured on the cover of the October "green issue" of a local women's magazine. Andy and I had a wonderful trip/cruise down Croatia's Dalmatian Coast with Overseas Adventure Travel in September. I began tutoring a 59-year-old woman in an adult literacy program sponsored by the local literacy council, and I find it quite rewarding, so far.

Patty Cairns Hourin writes, "Can't believe we're getting ready for our 50th! We can't be that old!" Patty and Jim's son, Scott, was on active duty with the Marines in Afghanistan and was due home in mid-December. His family lives close by in Diamondhead, Miss., and Patty and Jim kept extra busy helping Lisa with their two girls, Bay, 6, and Lily, 4.

A most welcome email came from **Eugenia "Gene" England Simons** with news of several classmates. In October, her suitemate **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** was in the Oxford, N.C., area and came for a visit. They've stayed in touch all these years at Christmas and, years ago, Gene and Harrison and their two children, George and Deanna, visited David and Peggy in Maine on a summer trip north. Since 1970, the Simons have lived in Oxford, where Harrison served as minister at two Episcopal churches until his 1998 retirement after congestive heart failure. Since then, he's continued to work every weekday at the bookstore he started while working as a priest. It serves the Diocese of North Carolina and furnishes books for three Episcopal conference centers in North Carolina and one in Virginia. Their children are both married. Deanna and Lane live in Birmingham, Ala., and have three boys and three girls. George and Georgia live in Salisbury, N.C., and have two boys and a girl. Gene had a dance studio in Oxford, N.C., for 28 years, and two of her former students went on to pursue careers in dancing. She still teaches a line dancing class at the senior center and a class in music and movement at the adult daycare center connected with the local hospital. She also has a business called "Sew What? by Gene," which does window treatments, pillows, and other items.

Peggy also traveled to Cary, N.C., to visit **Beverly Barcley Weaver**, who has retired and works part time for the legislature of North Carolina. Her husband, Frank, died three years ago. She has two married sons and grandchildren. Gene's roommate, **Cindy Scott Morcott**, and husband Woody celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, as Gene and Harrison did this past August. The Morcotts have two married children and five grandchildren, ages 7 to 14.

Anne Jinkins Bird and Harry live in Darnestown, Md., and they planned to join Gene and Harrison for Thanksgiving weekend at their Westmoreland cottage, east of Fredericksburg on the Potomac River. **Kitty Lee Davis** and Michael Wade live near Washington, D.C. Anne and Kitty Lee get together several times a year to have lunch and catch up.

Clara Sue Durden Ashley's son Park, father of seven, returned safely from Afghanistan on Oct. 22 and was with his family at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. At the Mary Washington reunion last spring, **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** met Clara Sue's "big sister," **Dodie Reeder Hruby '59**. Lloyd shared Dodie's email address, and she and Clara Sue, who had not seen each other for more than 30 years, met on Oct. 3 at the St. Francis Episcopal Church Country Fair in Great Falls, Va. They had lunch and enjoyed the quilt show, chaired by Clara Sue. Son Andrew, a West Point graduate, joined them for lunch. Clara Sue still works at the Vienna Quilt Shop, where she enjoys seeing the new quilts come in for sale and the old ones come in for repair.

Carolyn Barnette Wright has stayed busy taking adult education classes in watercolor painting, jewelry making, guitar, Italian, and other topics. She has missed the students she taught for so many years at Miami Dade College but hasn't missed grading papers. She's considering enrolling in a pastoral counseling course at St. Thomas University in Miami and/or taking consulting projects in early childhood education. Great joys in her life are her five grandchildren, ages 3 to 9.

Carolyn Crum Pannu wrote, "Won't it be fun to reunite in 2011!" She hopes to meet **Pat Scott Peck** in New York in May, when she attends the 50th reunion at West Point with the Company K-2 classmates of her brother, Wally, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1968. She plans to stay at the Marriott in Westchester, N.Y., and wonders if **Jean Ryan Farrell** will be there. Carolyn lives in San Mateo, Calif., and still works three days a week. She planned to take another cruise with daughter Kara, this time to Mexico, in early December. She feels fortunate to see Kara every week and to share so much with her. Her only grandchild, 4-year-old Alex, son of Carolyn's son, Raj, lives in Dallas and loves reading and school. He also loves sports, takes ice-skating lessons, and adores baseball, karate, and Halloween! Carolyn planned to see him on New Year's Day, when he was to come for a short visit. She is still walking and is addicted to knitting. She is refining her sweater skills and sold one of her mini-purses, and she would like to compare notes with **Sue Wilson Sproul**.

Janet Bagg Glancy '64 has received many awards in her 40 years of teaching English, the most recent being the Golden Apple Award.

Kelly Cherry's two new books, *Girl in a Library: On Women Writers & The Writing Life* (BkMk Press) and *The Retreats of Thought: Poems* (LSU Press), came out this fall. In September, with a fellowship from The Rockefeller Foundation, she was a resident at Villa Serbelloni in Bellagio, Italy. Her husband, Burke, went with her, and they added some travel afterward, having a fabulous time in cities like Vienna, Austria; Cracow, Poland; and Paris. Congratulations, Kelly, on all your literary accomplishments!

Polly Updegraff Champ promised to wave to me from the Delaware Memorial Bridge in November on their way from Connecticut to Ashland, Va. They planned to stay at the Henry Clay Inn the first night of the trip and head to Delray Beach, Fla., for the season.

Maddie Contis Marken looks forward to reading Class Notes and finding out how lives have turned out. She and a friend took a recent 210-mile bicycle ride from Germany to Vienna. Most of the bike path was along the Danube River, and it was beautiful! Maddie still keeps in touch with **Kathy Ledner Kuttner**, who also is retired but still works some, coordinating conferences for mental health professionals. They meet each year midway between Cape Cod, Mass., and New York for a girlie weekend. Maddie still works per diem as a social worker in local healthcare facilities, takes courses, and does "all the fun things retirees do."

From Renee: Hi, all. I'm writing in order of the responses I received this time. Thanks to all who stepped up to the plate and sent news. I'd thought of publishing a naughty list of classmates in my "H–Q" group who haven't responded, but I decided to be above that fray *this* time. So, fair warning, you don't write, you get on the Naughty List.

I had a lovely summer and fall. My 70th birthday turned into a three-day celebration. Bunches of us at a time celebrated, and it was all a lot of fun.

Betsy Taggart Ottley retired from sales with the Qwest (formerly US West) phone company in 1999 and now has two part-time jobs, both of which keep her very involved with the arts: music director for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Cheyenne, Wyo., and executive director for the Cheyenne Chamber Singers. She also performs in a piano trio, directs the music for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, serves as a freelance accompanist, and sings. Her four children are in Seattle; Ogden, Utah; Silver Spring, Md.; and Denver. She has three grandchildren: a 4-year-old in Silver Spring, a college sophomore in Salt Lake City, and a high school senior in Ogden. Of course, they are all brilliant, says Grandma! "Life is full and wonderful, with many good and interesting friends," Betsy said.

Marcia Minton Keech writes that she did reply last time, but it seemed not to make it into the magazine. Marcia and Bill spent a "grand weekend" with **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** and Stuart at their lovely home. In October, Sylvia and Stuart spent a couple of weeks at Hilton Head Island, S.C., and visited Marcia in Savannah, Ga. The highlight of their visit was a

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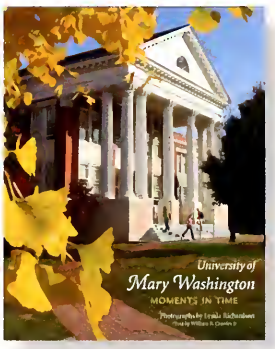

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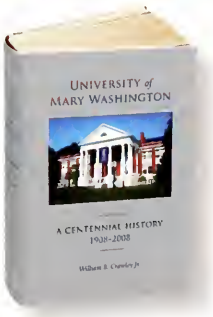

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trip to the Telfair Museum of Art for the Dutch Utopia exhibit, which included eight paintings by Gari Melchers. Bill is still doing well and the Keeches still travel back and forth to Virginia to see their young grandson, Connor. As Marcia wrote, it was 82 degrees and sunny, and she said they have plenty of room for anyone who wishes to stop and visit.

Mary Hatcher and **Connie Booth Logothetis** talk on the phone and meet for lunch now and again, since Connie now lives in Wilmington, N.C. Mary says Connie's grandson is "absolutely enchanting." Mary gets together with her roomie, **Betsey Hueston Hansen**, when they can, and did so when Mary was in Williamsburg in mid-September. Mary keeps busy as chair of the Library Advisory Board and treasurer of the Library Foundation. This past summer, Mary traveled to South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; Flagstaff, Ariz.; and Las Vegas; and planned a gathering with Midwest friends in Kansas. She writes that **Kathy Byorum**, who left Mary Washington after sophomore year to get married, lives in Copperas Cove, Texas, along with her four children, and is happily remarried. Mary, please tell Kathy I'd love to hear from her and include her news here.

Becky Paris Spetz and Wayne enjoyed their UMW-sponsored trip to England in July, even though only three graduates participated. She highly recommends any trip led by Thomas P. Gohagan & Co. Becky is getting a head start in persuasion with plans to take their granddaughter, a high school sophomore, to visit Mary Washington. Becky just finished a three-year term as president of the Lynchburg Duplicate Bridge Club. Impressively, she is a life master! She sends a "hurrah" for Emyl Jenkins' (**Mary Louise Joslin Jenkins**) second mystery, *The Big Steal*, and said both her books are delightful reads.

Debbie Phinney Wylie spent her 70th birthday in Missouri with her four children and eight grandchildren. It was the first time in four years they'd all been together, and it was "the best birthday present I could have asked for."

Peggy Howard Hodgkins attended an October family wedding in Virginia and made sure to see some Mary Washington buddies. Peggy visited with **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art in Richmond. After the wedding, Peggy's two sisters toured with her on Ocracoke Island, N.C. Then, Peggy went to Raleigh, N.C., to visit a high school buddy. She spent a day each with **Gene England Simons** and **Beverly Barkley Weaver**, roommates and suitemates from Mason Tunnel days. Gene showed them around her hometown of Oxford, N.C. Peggy writes that **Cindy Scott Morcott** still has horses and loves to ride, and stays in Florida part time, as the horseshow circuit is there. She and her husband built a permanent retirement home in Hobe Sound, near Jupiter, Fla., and spend summers at their home in Scotland.

Ilona Dulaski-Williams '64 heads a quartet called the Cantati Ensemble, which sings opera, Broadway, and art songs in nine languages.

Nancy "Pepper" Jacobs Germer and Hank were traveling again. In April, they visited Virginia and had dinner with Lloyd and Art Backstrom, in May, they went to Cape Cod, Mass. In June, they hosted more than 300 guests at a wedding at their house and danced barefoot in the grass to a great jazz band! Their home was featured again, this time on a tour of old homes for the Jonesboro, Ark., Sesquicentennial Celebration. The money collected went toward the Downtown Jonesboro Association. Next, they flew to Riverside, Calif., to spend time with their daughter, son-in-law, and precious toddler grandson, Henry. They planned to see him again for Thanksgiving, along with their son and daughter. "We grandmothers are so silly and crazy about our beautiful babies!" In October, the Germers took a fascinating trip to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, a charming 400-year-old cobblestoned town, where many Americans retire.

From Lynne: All is well with my family, though Sandy and I have had a couple of procedures this year. Mine included two cataract surgeries, but all went well. We continue to enjoy life in New York and Connecticut, with a few trips to Florida in the winter.

Aggie Welsh Eyster, who lost her husband, Dick, last year, lives in San Antonio. Aggies's oldest son, Richard, was married in Sisterdale, Texas, to a lovely young lady who has brought a 13-year-old grandson to Aggie. She also has had work on display in Houston at an event called Second Seating. As one of nine featured artists who breathe life into recycled materials, her work consists of four pedestal tables topped with etched steel, several hanging lamps encrusted with colored tin "flowers," plus a couple of wall pieces. Aggie has received a lot of support from **Jill Cusack Clay**, also widowed and living in San Antonio. Jill planned to go to New York City to be with her daughter (my goddaughter) Bonnie and her family for Christmas. In addition to Jill and Aggie, I hope that **Bitsy Glascock Duperior** and **Candace Parker Chumney**, who also live in Texas, will consider coming to our 50th reunion in 2011. Because most of these folks were not at Mary Washington very long, they say nobody will remember them. I think they will be pleasantly surprised.

Eleanor "Janie" Riles continues to lead a marvelous and productive life, dividing her time between Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and San Diego. Last September, she led her eighth annual artists' workshop to France. They stayed in a chateau in the Dordogne region and had a great time visiting the prehistoric caves and seeing the fine art of early ancestors. Janie teaches watercolor at home and enjoys entering juried shows in Florida and California. She was looking forward to a cruise through the Panama Canal and on to Santiago, Chile, in December, and to her special birthday treat with her daughters and their families in Palm Springs, Calif., at Christmastime. Both daughters have little boys. Marguerite, a nurse practitioner and geriatric specialist, has her own business, Boutique Care Management in San Diego. Annelise is a law professor and heads the Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture at Cornell University.

Eleanore Saunders Sunderland and **Judy Saunders Slifer** took a wonderful Russian river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Sadly, Eleanore reported that Judy has multiple myeloma, a form of bone cancer that is in her spine and is very painful. She was getting chemo twice a week, plus steroids, and is lucky to have Eleanore, who tries to be with her as much as possible. Hopefully, by the time you read this, she will be in better health.

Lloyd Tilton Backstrom and Art were up to their usual extensive travels, including a trip to Central America, where they climbed "every one of those Mayan ruins! Best of all was rip-lining through the rainforest." They also went to England in October, did all the wonderful London things, and took day trips to Stonehenge, Bath, and Blenheim.

Pat Scott Peck enjoys her retired life, spending summers in Maine and winters in Miami, and making stops in Washington, D.C., and New York on her trips back and forth. I'm hopeful that we can get together this year when she plans to meet **Carolyn Crum Pannu** in the area. She also was planning a trip with a photographer friend out West, where they will drive around for several weeks filming the last of the "real cowboys." Pat would enjoy having classmates visit her, either in Florida or Maine.

I have noted that several of us are on Facebook, including **Sue Wilson Sproul** and **Pepper Jacobs Germer**, so you can look there to see what we're up to.

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Greetings, Class of 1962. In early November, I attended a reception held by the Alumni Association for the alumni who live in the southeastern part of Virginia. Plans were announced for a college of business to be established at Mary Washington, elevating its status to a nationally recognized public university known for its strength in the liberal arts and sciences.

Nancy Powell Sykes and I thought we were the only ones there from the Class of 1962, but we had the nicest surprise when **Sandy MacGregor Craig** came over to greet us. I don't think I had seen Sandy since graduation. She looks wonderful and lives in Virginia Beach. Her husband has retired, and they travel throughout the United States.

Mary Lott Haglund and husband Dave were traveling in their boat along the southeastern coast of the United States and needed to come into port so Dave could crew for a friend in the Caribbean. So, Mary was going to visit her son and his family in

Charlotte, N.C. Mary also looks wonderful and thoroughly enjoys boating. She keeps in contact with **Donna Floyd Parker** and **Sue Grandy Farrar**, and both are doing well. Mary said that **Joan Akers Rothgeb** stays busy in Nelson County, Va. This visit was short, but Mary said she and Dave liked the area and would be back. I look forward to that visit.

I would very much like to hear from you. Please email or send a short note; we need to stay in contact.

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To all members of the Class of 1963: I have enjoyed the conversations I have had with fellow classmates I have not seen in years. I wish that more of you would send information so that we can broaden the scope of this column.

In September, I married Jonathan Barber in Annandale, Va. It was a real family celebration. My daughter, Jennifer Lloyd, was matron of honor and Jonathan's son, Alex, was his best man. My oldest son, Dana Atchley, was the official photographer, and my two other sons, Garth and Derek Atchley, were ushers along with my nephew, David Radway. What stole the show, however, were my six granddaughters who were all flower girls in white dresses with red sashes. The bride wore a bright red dress! We had a reception at Wolf Trap in Vienna, Va., and another in Jonathan's hometown, Brattleboro, Vt. Not only was this a family wedding, it was also a Mary Washington reunion; my roommates and suitemates **Mary Russell**, **Alice Eckenrode Alkire**, **Sally Sutherland**, and **Cynthia Whitaker Finnelly** were there, as was **Lois Brown '41**. My cousin, Claire Bentley, mother of **Lisa Bentley '86**; **Edith Clark '70**; and **Betsy Hawley Ramirez**, who attended in the '60s, also were there. Please see the entry for the Class of 1941 for information sent by **Lois Loehr Brown '41** about a photograph from the event. It was wonderful seeing everyone. Mary and Alice live nearby, so we get together frequently, but Cindy traveled from North Carolina and Sally from Richmond.

I have spoken recently with **Lou Young Silver**, who has retired after a long career in teaching for Stafford County schools and a driving school. In addition to church activities and the DAR, Lou is interested in genealogy and was instrumental in reconstituting a Potomac Indian tribe. She is in touch with **Joyce Sheldon Bradshaw** and **Margaret Barrett Hymes**.

Barbara Yancey Williamson lives in Lynchburg, Va.

With grandchildren in Mobile, Ala.; Atlanta; and Dallas, she and her husband do a lot of traveling. She also likes Elderhostel trips and took one last summer to San Antonio, Texas. **Sara White Tuttle**, who spent only two years at Mary Washington before going on to nursing school, also attended the Maryland Institute College of Art and has done a lot of sculpting. She and her husband enjoy their RV and traveled last year to places like California and the Northeast (Lake Placid, N.Y.; Montreal; Quebec; Maine; New Brunswick, N.J.; New Hampshire; and Vermont), with an ambitious trip to the Northwest planned for this year.

I also have heard from my freshman year roommate, **Annette Klingensmith** of Florida, who attended Mary Washington for only one semester.

1964

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By the time you receive these Class Notes, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve will be long gone. We hope that 2010 brings each member of our class joy, good health, and the warmth of family and old friends. Can you believe that, in just four years, we will be celebrating our 50th? Where did time go?

I live in northern Westchester County, a suburb northwest of New York City. My late husband, Ernest G. Allen, was an attorney, and I was a French and English teacher. For many years, I worked in a private girls' school in New York. I still work and give lectures on literature and art history at Barat House of Manhattanville College, and I work part time at a girls' school in Connecticut. Anyone in the New York/Connecticut/New Jersey area who is visiting or would like to get together, please let me know.

Anne Gould Millar continues to work in the community psychiatry, adult outpatient program at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore. Anne said that there often is a dilemma for working women our age, in that we need the structure but not the stress, of a full-time job, and that it would be nice to have more time to focus on other things. I've found that a part-time job (or even two!) is great because it allows time for other activities and can be less demanding. I know Anne would love to hear other people's solutions, as well.

Stephanie Gilgoff sends an "aloha" from Hawaii, where she has lived on Maui since 1977. She works part time and teaches Ashtanga yoga, specializing in working with people with disabilities. She has many musician friends, so live music fills her life. She said, "I am healthy, social, and active."

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson lives in Atlanta and encourages our class members to attend our next reunion. Those of us who attended the 45th last May had a great time catching up and, although our numbers weren't large, the enthusiasm was! Susan traveled to Paris in October and, in September, she attended the National Beef Cook-Off in Sonoma, Calif., as well as the Association of Food Journalists conference in New Orleans, La. Susan writes about food in the syndicated column "7-Day Menu Planner." Our sincere sympathy goes to Susan, whose only brother died this past fall.

Susan Miller Briggs '65 is a full-time associate professor of surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and is director of the International Trauma and Disaster Institute.

Martha Hanks Cooper of Richmond retired from a career in human resources in the high-tech field. She is the proud mother of three wonderful daughters, who "are married to great guys," and has four beautiful grandsons. She earned a master's degree 28 years after graduating from Mary Washington and always tells people that it's never too late to go back to school!

Martha's former roommate, **Connie Marsh Pollard**, lives in Brookline, Mass., where she exercises her creative talents. Martha sees **Martha Wangler Ryan '65** from time to time and would love to reconnect with other Mary Washington alums. So, all you Richmond folks, maybe this is a good time to plan a get-together.

Sally Crenshaw Witt, my freshman year roommate with whom I have enjoyed a delightful correspondence during the past months, moved back to Richmond after 30 years of living in Belgium, England, Minnesota, and North Carolina. She is retired from teaching, and her husband, Sam, is retired from law. Sally is an active gardener, working in her own garden and on garden club projects. Sally and Sam's son Clay, a painter who teaches at U.Va., married a wonderful woman in June. Their other son is a published poet with two books, *Everlasting Quail* and *Sunflower Brother*, to his credit.

Joanne Crockett Lewis and **Helen Vakos Standing** attended Clay Witt's wedding in Richmond. They and their husbands and the Witts try to have mini-reunions every couple years or so. Also at the wedding were **Diane Dorin Clark** and **Barbara Humphries Davenport**.

Janet Bagg Glancy has lived in Naples, Fla., for 35 years, teaching Advanced Placement English literature and serving as her county's coordinator of the Advanced Placement Laureate Program in eight high schools. She has received many awards in her 40 years of teaching English, the most recent being the Golden Apple Award. She writes, "age is a state of mind; knowledge, skill, and love transcend chronological age." Our deep sympathy goes to Janet, who lost her husband this past summer, after a long battle with cancer.

Susan Armistead Evageliou lives in Coventry, Conn., and retired in 2008 after 37 years in the classroom. She enjoys working around children so much that she now works as a reading tutor. Susan performed as a singer and dancer in a local production of *Godspell*, and she and her husband take music lessons. She also was a volunteer dorm counselor last summer for 48 young ballet dancers from around the world who competed in the New York International Ballet Competition. Susan and Harry's two sons keep in close touch. George, a

custom cabinet builder, lives with his wife in New York City. Nick is a pediatric oncologist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Ilona Dulaski-Williams is also active in the world of music and theater. She has played Mrs. Strauss in a musical production of *Titanic* at Virginia Musical Theatre in Virginia Beach; Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof* at Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre in Winchester, Va.; and Hannah in the musical *The Spitfire Grill* at Mill Mountain Theatre in Roanoke, Va. Ilona heads a quartet called the Cantati Ensemble, which sings opera, Broadway, and art songs in nine languages! Her most recent role was that of Vinny in the new opera *The Books of Daniel*, written and composed by Richard L. Rose. Because she is fluent in Spanish, Ilona also does voiceovers for a variety of products, the most recent being Verizon.

Sharon Haythorne Stack and husband Pete live in Yorktown, Va. They recently planned a large breakfast for their local hunt club. They were kind enough to extend an invitation for the mid-November weekend but, alas, I had to attend a meeting in St. Louis. We have had a great time sharing our memories and news and keeping in touch. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Sharon, whose mother died in October after a long and loving life, for which we give thanks.

Sharon keeps in close touch with **Helen Clarke Calhoun** of Fort Campbell, Ky., who, by the time you read this, was expecting to be a great-grandmother; **Carole Sue Shelton Lattimer**, who lives and works in Virginia Beach; and **Gere Menegus Lloyd**. I have received emails (one with a photo) from **Jean Klix Luce** of Florida. Jeannie, you still look just like you used to! **Linda Frederickson Boudman** works for Verizon and lives in Hummelstown, Pa.

Patti Jones Schact uses her French at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Northern Virginia. She often sees **Beverley Sulpice Pursell '62**, who also was a French major. Patti works for a Washington, D.C., inner-city charity that raises money for at-risk youth, and she put together a benefit golf tournament last fall. Patti and her husband travel a lot and spend the winter in Bonita Springs, Fla., where Patti is active in the DAR. She loves genealogical work, which she admits can be "challenging with a maiden name like Jones!" She and her husband, Richard, both were widowed many years ago and now, between them, have 13 grandchildren who live all around the United States and keep them on the go. Patti and I had fun reminiscing about freshman English with Dr. Griffith!

It is a joy to read your news and to touch base after so many years. What an active and intelligent group we are! Although most of you have email, don't hesitate to write me a letter. I would love nothing more than to run every word you write, but the University does the final editing. Also, understand that news is requested way in advance of the publication date.

Do keep in touch! It's wonderful to hear from you, and it is so moving to rediscover the people who played important roles in our youth. Our motto is, "You may not think anything's new, but we sure do!"

1965 Reunion Weekend

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Last year was a fun one for me. **Lee Smith Musgrave**, **Mary Lou Skeeter Murray**, and I got together for lunch in April while I was in Virginia Beach, and we had a great time catching up. I spent almost the whole month of May touring China with my brother and his wife and a bunch of his classmates from VMI. The first weekend in June, **Carolyn Shockey Moore** and I got together in Indianapolis, where the Blue Angels performed. She and husband Bill, who is mostly retired, still spend lots of time traveling. In July, my first grandson made an appearance, and I took my 2-year-old granddaughter on a trip to San Jose, Calif., to give my daughter-in-law a chance to take care of the baby without distraction. My own son was on the West Coast and watched (and coached) the delivery through a webcam.

Margaret Cobourn John and Kenny took a cruise out of Charleston, S.C., to Bermuda with 12 other friends, including **Barbara Hagemann Hester** and husband Ben. They had smooth sailing, beautiful weather, and a good time with great friends. **Nan Grogan Orrock** is a two-term Georgia state senator, after 20 years as a state representative. She lives in an Atlanta in-town neighborhood and represents a heart-of-Atlanta Senate seat. Her two sons, a 32-year-old who is finishing law school and a 26-year-old who is finishing undergraduate work, live nearby and are able to stay closely connected. (She has no daughters-in-law or grandchildren yet, but she remains optimistic!) She serves on philanthropic and public policy national boards in addition to working on state policy that addresses women and children, working families, health issues, and civil rights. Nan is a prolific reader and Scrabble player.

> *Nan Grogan Orrock '65 is a two-term Georgia state senator, after serving 20 years as a state representative.*

Louise Stevens Robbins retired in mid-August from her position as director of and professor at the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In July, she and husband Robby traveled to China for a workshop with the Evergreen Education Foundation followed by a tour in Yunnan Province. In August, the whole family (three generations) took an Alaska cruise. She completed her third book (co-authored this time), *The Librarian Spies: Philip and Mary Jane Keeney and Cold War Espionage*. Her garden keeps her limber and keeps her friends inundated with plants and flowers.

Joanne Lott Byrne has lived in Vienna, Va., for 35 years. She works four days a week as a software developer/database architect for Northrop Grumman. She plans to cut her hours a little more soon and gradually ease into retirement. She plays golf once a week with her significant other, who is an avid golfer. He has four granddaughters whom they enjoy visiting. She has two single sons, Jason and Douglas. Jason is the director of athletics marketing at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, and Douglas is the assistant director of analytical services at Mortgage Insurance Companies of America in Washington, D.C. Joanne still keeps in touch with her roommate from senior year, **Marcia Pexton Peura '66**. She and Ed live in California, near Los Angeles, and enjoy camping and skiing at Mammoth and other areas on the West Coast. She and Joanne have had fun visiting each other over the years.

Susan Cutler Oertel's granddaughter, **Julia Caperton '06**, got married Memorial Day weekend at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The rehearsal party, with barbecue and bluegrass, and the wedding reception were held in her parents' garden in Richmond.

Bobby Barrett Crisp writes that her family holds a record for the most members attending Mary Washington, and that was before men were admitted. Otherwise, she had three brothers who could have attended. Six members of Bobby's family attended Mary Washington when it was the women's college of the University of Virginia, and five of the six graduated. Graduates from her family included **Florence Barrett Hall**, **Mary Ellen Barrett Spitler**, **Margaret Barrett Hein '63**, and **Grace Barrett Dahmke '68**. Her youngest sister, **Judy Barrett Poulin**, attended one year, then transferred to Auburn University in Alabama. They were all teachers and volunteers in their communities and always represented their alma mater with great pride. Bobby and husband Harry have four children and six grandchildren. She also has two nephews who have graduated from UMW, so the tradition continues. Bobby, who taught biology at Stafford High School in Virginia, also served in many volunteer jobs, with the PTA, and as the first woman chairman of the board of the Tri-County/City Soil and Water Conservation District. She worked on Chesapeake Bay cleanup; on Tributary Strategies for the York, Potomac, and Rappahannock rivers; and for the St. Mary Council of Catholic Women. She also is a proud member of the DAR.

Cheryle Comstock Martin has a new granddaughter, Leah, born in April. Cheryle splits her time between Boonville, N.Y., where children and grandchildren live, and New Smyrna Beach, Fla. She has logged 44 happy years with husband Ken. **Anne Plummer Linn** is happy in retirement and loves being near all three of her grandsons. She and Cheryle attended a UMW function on the waterfront while Cheryle was visiting.

Carol Ann Delano Neist, who retired from teaching two years ago, lives in Howertons, Va., with

her husband. Their daughter, Lindsay, is a fourth-year equine veterinary student at Virginia Tech. **Kelly Ellis** taught in Stafford County for eight years, then moved to Danville, Va., to take care of her parents. After trying several different fields of work, she ended up in retail and retired from Macy's in 2006. She packed everything she owned into a rental truck and drove 1,670 miles with her fat cat, Bubba, to settle in the high desert region of New Mexico. Retirement has given her time to read and cook more, dabble in needlework, write poetry, do creative work on her computer, and savor life in general.

Tyla Matteson '66 attended the two-week United Nations Climate Change Conference, also called "COP15," in Copenhagen, Denmark. Previously, Tyla attended COPs in Montreal; Nairobi, Kenya; and Bali, Indonesia.

Sandra Clay Copler retired from teaching elementary school three years ago and enjoys living in rural Hanover County, Va., with husband Tom, with whom she celebrated a 44th wedding anniversary last year. They have traveled to many parts of the world since Tom retired from the Air Force after 27 years. They have two children and three grandchildren. She still keeps in touch with former roommates and suitemates **Cheryl Gonzales Yancey**, **Carol Dunton Hill**, and **Anne Connell Snead**.

Lee Smith Musgrave retired from the Norfolk public school system after 25 years (29 years in public education) in July of 2001, and then was an adjunct math professor at Tidewater Community College for five years. She plays bridge at the senior center and spends time traveling between Blacksburg, Va., and Minnoeola and Winter Park, Fla., where her daughters, Lisa Bonomo and Sarah Salzberg, and grandchildren live. **Susan Miller Briggs** is a full-time associate professor of surgery (general and trauma) at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and is director of the International Trauma and Disaster Institute, an educational non-profit dedicated to disaster preparedness and response. She has spent time on frequent international humanitarian and disaster missions both for nonprofits and for the U.S. government, as head of their International Medical Surgical Response Team, which has provided aid in places like Ground Zero and Iran. She has three stepchildren and four grandchildren.

Carol Meese retired in 2000, after 32 years as a school psychologist, and is now a full-time artist. She is married to Jan Bantwal Janardanah "Jan" Baliga, who is from South India and is a retired chemical engineer. They are fortunate to travel all over the world and enjoy good health. They have three sons, three daughters-in-law, and seven grandchildren! **Linda Patterson Hamilton** and husband Austin, who is in law enforcement, began their third 19 years of marriage last winter. That sounds strange, but they were divorced from 1986 to 1989. They recently bought some helmet liners (aka do-rags) and are thinking of trailering the motorcycle up to Michigan to meet with friends who cycle around the country. Semi-retirement brings fun times with their five grandchildren, most recently at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Kansas.

Karen Marsteller Nash, who spent two years at Mary Washington, taught Latin in the Hanover County public school system and tutored private students, as well. After her husband, Christian Myers, graduated from Randolph-Macon College, they moved to Philadelphia with their young son, Christian, and daughter Meredith. She was a reporter and features writer for a local paper and a board member for the community mental health center. Later, they moved to Newport, R.I., bought and restored a Victorian gem of a house, and then divorced. She became a yacht broker (one of the first women north of Florida to do so) and moved into the area's signature industry, yacht building. She helped build four America's Cup contenders, as well as a number of top-level ocean-racing sailboats. Her son, Christian, is a senior captain for the Interstate Navigation Co. He married Janet Corbin in 2000, and they have delighted Karen with two beautiful granddaughters, Julia and Olivia, who are growing up with the extraordinary experience of sitting in Daddy's captain's seat and pulling the rope to sound the ship's whistle. Her daughter, Meredith, married the famous (in Newport) Diesel Mike LeBlanc of Oldport Marine Services and pretty much runs the show there; Mike is the senior mechanic. Their union gave Karen an instant grandson, Michael, Diesel's son from a previous marriage. Meredith also teaches yoga and does extraordinary beadwork.

Harriet McGavock Vincent and husband Tom live outside Richmond in Glen Allen, Va. Their son lives in Boulder, Colo., with his wife and two kids. Their daughter lives in Richmond with her husband and two children. Since retirement, Harriet has enjoyed taking painting classes.

Anabel Williams Greenlee lived in Charlottesville for 15 years but has been in Salt Lake City since 1986. She retired from substitute teaching a year ago, but her husband of 44 years, John, still enjoys being a neurologist at the University of Utah. He stepped down from being department chair but still works full time and then some. Their daughter, **Harriet Greenlee-Herndon '93**, has two children. Their son, John Wyatt, and his wife, Vanessa, who live in Bristol, Tenn., had a baby last spring. Anabel gardens, bikes, hikes, snowshoes, knits, sews, reads, teaches Sunday school, and serves on the vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City.

Carole Kessler Stockberger married her husband, Lynn, while still in college. He went on to medical school and became a pediatrician. By the time he finished his internship and residency, they'd had both of their children. She worked days and nights until he became a doctor. Then, they had a three-year stint in the Air Force, which took them to Izmir, Turkey, for two years and back to Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va., for one year. They settled there on the peninsula,

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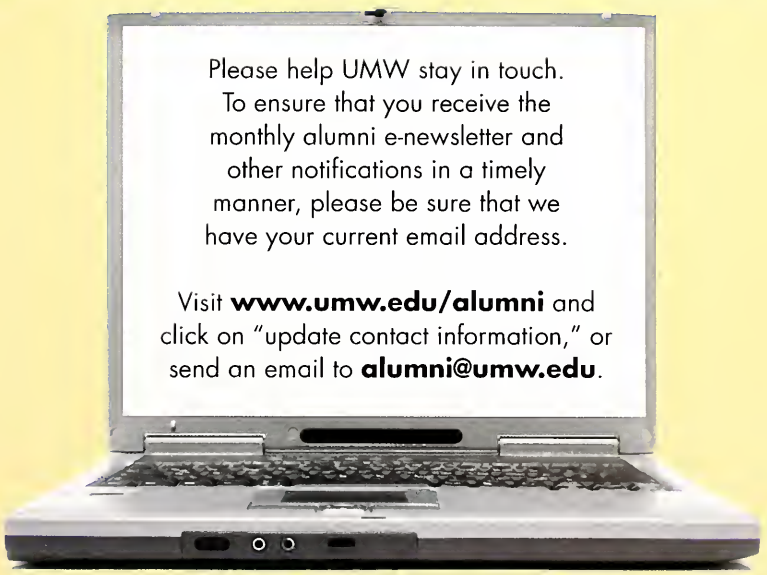

as Lynn found a practice with Children's Clinic. Carole continued her education in summer school at various seminaries and first was consecrated as a diaconal minister in the United Methodist Church in 1996. She further was ordained as a deacon in 1999. She worked in several capacities in the church and, after receiving her credentials, she was a hospital chaplain for five years, a chaplain at a retirement community for seven years, and has been an associate minister of pastoral care for the past six years. She and Lynn officially retired six years ago and have done a great deal of traveling. Their children are both married, and her daughter has three children.

Nancy Hamilton Lawrence retired from a management career with the U.S. Copyright Office of the Library of Congress. She and her husband of 42 years, Richard, still live in the Washington, D.C., area, are active in their church, and enjoy gardening. They have two granddaughters and were expecting a third in November. **Pat Sprenkle Davis** and husband Ron live in Raleigh, N.C. One daughter lives in the Raleigh area, her twin brother lives in Massachusetts, and the oldest daughter lives in Maine. Between the three, they have seven wonderful grandchildren, ages 2 to 11.

Patricia DePriest King worked for C&P Telephone in Washington, D.C., for a couple years, leaving to work as a computer programmer for IBM's Federal Systems Division for the next five or so years. She and her husband of 40 years, Peter, have four children (Bennett, Brent, Jessica, and Emily) and seven grandchildren. After doing all the usual PTA and other volunteer activities, Patricia went back to work in 1983 at George Mason University, where she retired in 1998 as assistant director of the Kellar Institute for Human DisAbilities in the Graduate School of Education. After retiring, they moved to Shelby, N.C., to care for her mother.

Mary Aiken Reynolds and husband Phil have two grandchildren, Caroline, 4, and Connor, 5½, who live in Austin, Texas. Phil has been retired from Exxon-Mobil for five years. Mary still teaches line dance classes three mornings a week. **Hallie Merriner Place** was a teacher, then a business owner with her husband of 44 years. They have two married children, Jen and Chris, and two grandchildren, who live near enough for frequent visits and sleepovers with them.

Jana Privette Usry '66 joined the Richmond One Voice Chorus, a group designed to involve folks of varying ethnicities.

Kathy Tuttle Birnbaum is the widow of Bruce Birnbaum, a chemical engineer she met while she was in the nursing program at U.Va. She has three daughters (Terri, Becky, and **Robin Birnbaum '97**) and twin 13-year-old grandchildren (Matthew and Janine). Kathy avidly continues scuba diving, a passion she and Bruce shared. **Jere Maupin Graham** attended Mary Washington but received a bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University and a master's degree from the University of Hawaii, both in nursing. She works as a women's health nurse practitioner and as a psychotherapist/psychiatric nurse practitioner focusing on children, adolescents, families, and women. She is a grandmother, a dancer, and a yoga teacher, and has been married to the same man for 43 years.

Marianne Choate Booberg and her husband of 44 years, Carl, have two children and five grandchildren, all of whom live close to them. She taught for 15 years, then got into the antiques business and retired from that after 40 years. **Janice Helvey Robinson** and husband Rob are happily retired in the Atlanta area. Rob was a federal investigator and Janice was in systems development. Both kids are close enough that they get to see them at least once a week. They enjoy their time with their two granddaughters – Katie, 10, and Abby, 2 – and were looking forward to a third one in November. Last year, Janice was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is doing well and encourages each of us to keep up with our annual mammograms.

Ann Moser Garner and husband Clarence celebrated their 44th anniversary in June. He retired from his accounting business in 2007. Ann still works at King William High School, where she has been for 28 years. They have two grandchildren in Alabama, whom they visit often, and were looking forward to a third one in March. Their other daughter, Carolyn, received a master's degree in library science several years ago and is the reference librarian for a new library in Mechanicsville, Va. She is happily married and has no children.

Jackie Ward Fulcher retired and spends her free time in Virginia Beach and on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. **Florence Daniel Jamerson** and her husband spent three days sailing with two other members of the Class of '65 and their husbands, **Helen Simpson Lee** and John, and **Janice Reavis Seager** and Ed, who own the sailboat. **Lee Henry Madley** married Pete Madley after her sophomore year. They had four children and moved 18 times in 24 years! They divorced in 1987 and Lee began her career at Morgan Stanley, retiring in 2007 after 22 years. She is fortunate that three of her children live nearby and she's able to spend lots of time with them. She has seven grandchildren and her youngest daughter was expecting early this year.

1966

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Hank and I closed out the sailing season with his participation on the Pentagon Sailing Club's racing team, which held weekly races on the Potomac River, between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Bolling Air Force Base. Our closing annual activity with the PSC, the Hydrilla Cup competition, is held in October at Bolling, with a picnic lunch and races between the club's boats, including a race between the women sailors and the men sailors. (I just watch, cheer, and help with the lunch these days). In November, we traveled to Nags Head, N.C., to support my daughter and her husband and friends, while they competed in the annual OBX Marathon and Half Marathon. It was a spectacular event, with more than 6,500 runners and walkers of all ages, finishing up in the historic downtown area of Manteo. Marathons and triathlons are a new experience for me. Even our 8-year-old granddaughter competed in a triathlon and won third prize! Since all of our 16 grandchildren, ages 4 to 21, are active in sports, Hank and I attend many events throughout the year. Our next planned adventure is a trip to San Diego to visit relatives and attend a nephew's wedding.

Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann wanted something other than a Medicare card to celebrate her 65th birthday. She decided to "go blonder and get out of town." She and husband Robert discovered that the Emerald Isle is more than 40 shades of green! Their three-week trip to Ireland included spectacular vistas; delightful food, drink, and songs; and lessons in Irish culture and history. They acquired a deeper understanding of "The Troubles," the conflict between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. Highlights included lunch in Cobh, County Cork, at home with the mayor's wife and four other visitors, and watching the preparation of the huge bonfires of wood pallets and tires in Northern Ireland to celebrate the victory of William of Orange over the Catholics centuries ago.

Back at home, Bobbi organized another successful gathering of the Mary Washington Lunch Bunch with a luncheon at Brock's Riverside Grill in Fredericksburg. The October group included **Jana Privette Usry**, **Lee Enos Kelly**, **Kathleen Goddard Moss**, **Pat Lewars Pace**, **Anne Meade Clagett**, **Sandra Hutchison Hoybach**, **Joan Cuccias Patton**, **Anne Kales Lindblom**, **Lois Rucker Scott**, **Katharine Rogers Lavery**, **Martha Young Roberts**, and UMW's director of alumni relations, **Cynthia Snyder '75**. They agreed that Brock's would be an ideal place for our Reunion Weekend dinner next June. **Dianne Twiggs Woodworth** intended to join the group but was recuperating from two surgeries and a month in the hospital, and she sent her best regards to everyone.

Kathleen Goddard Moss has established a Facebook page exclusively for the Class of 1966. If you join Facebook and enter "MWC 1966," you will see recent photos and comments from our classmates and can contribute more of your own. Kathy and her husband, Tom, both work part time to allow time for traveling to California, Ohio, and Spain to visit their children and six grandchildren. The youngest, Joe and Mira's first – a boy – arrived in November in Los Angeles.

Lee Enos Kelly still lives in Washington, D.C., with her 73-year-old husband, Kevin, who recently was diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's. She is interested in sharing information with classmates who have similar circumstances. Lee retired from full-time counseling but continues to operate a small, private family counseling office.

Jana Privette Usry has taken a hiatus from teaching at the community college in Richmond, after more than 40 years. She continues to tutor special education students and remains active with mediation cases for the court system. She also teaches a co-parenting class for divorcing couples with minor children. Last winter, she took time to travel to Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M., to visit cousins and discovered that the Southwest is an artist's dream. Jana joined the Richmond One Voice Chorus. The group, designed to involve folks of varying ethnicities, already has more than 100 members and was preparing a concert schedule. At the time of the Lunch Bunch gathering, Jana was serving as executor of the estate of a friend and neighbor who had been diagnosed with stage-four colorectal cancer, and she pleaded with us to get our regular checkups. Jana planned to travel to Europe in April to visit nephew Scott in Prague, Czech Republic, for the birth of his first child, and she was excited to become a great aunt!

Anne Meade Clagett, her husband, John, and beloved 16-year-old kitty, Night, have lived in Fauquier County, Va., for 15 years and continue to enjoy the tranquility it offers. Anne stepped up her activism in local, state, and national Republican politics via the Piedmont Republican Women's Club and found that organizing fellow Republicans and conservatives is "similar to herding cats," even though there are many delightful women in the group. Anne and John have foregone their annual fall excursions to Bar Harbor, Maine, for three years, much to the relief of Night. Anne does manage two trips per year to Columbia, S.C., to visit her younger sister, Patricia, and her trial lawyer husband, college senior daughter, and high school freshman son. John travels to Boston and the Carolinas yearly to visit his family, and Night revels in having at least one "parent" at home all the time. Anne also participates in Virginia's Adopt-a-Highway program and local activities on behalf of the Wounded Warrior Project, while John serves on the board of directors for the local Salvation Army.

Joan Cuccias Patton is still addicted to teaching calculus part time at Westfields High School in western Fairfax County, Va., with a beginners' algebra class added as a reality check. She teaches every other day, so she was able to attend the Lunch Bunch luncheon and fill us in on the delights of having live-in relatives while they were between homes. Joan, also a real estate agent, was handling the purchase of their new home.

Lois Rucker Scott continues to work part time in her brother-in-law's doctor's office, and husband Sam still has his medical practice in Arlington, Va. Since their grandchildren are in Utah and one daughter lives in Hawaii, Lois and Sam allow ample time away from the office to visit.

Eileen Goddard Albrigo retired from doing husband John's medical transcription; daughter-in-law Molly has very competently relieved her. Eileen and John were expecting this year to be a busy one. Daughter Liz moved to Denver in August and was to be married on Hilton Head Island, S.C., in October, after finishing her studies at Johnson & Wales University's College of Culinary Arts. Eldest son, Todd, and his wife, Carrie, were expecting their fifth child in May, and Eileen and John were looking forward to sharing their trips with all six grandchildren.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner and Charlie quietly celebrated their 41st anniversary in November, after a weeklong trip to Monterey, Calif., in August for golf and the Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races, followed by a leisurely vacation in England. They visited Charlie's aunt and cousins in Colchester, attended a christening, played more golf, and spent two nights in Norfolk in a delightful farm B&B near the North Sea. Mary Kathryn planned to waitress again this March with Nelly's Needlers, the ladies' auxiliary group at historic Woodlawn in Alexandria, Va., during the annual month-long needlework exhibition. She invites us all to come for lunch.

Midge Meredith Poyck continues to delight in the scenery from her new back door in Oro Valley, Ariz. She has a spectacular view of the Santa Catalina Mountains, which offer many hiking and biking opportunities. Midge is only five minutes from her daughter's family, enabling her to enjoy the grandchildren regularly. She laments that she's far from Mary Washington but hopes to return for our reunion next year.

Carol Pettigrew Hallman, along with her Mary Washington suitemates – **Sally Albrecht Brennan**, **Julie Bondurant Freeman**, **Prentiss Davies Murphy** – made it to Virginia Beach for their annual gathering. This year, **Anita Hening Stevens**, who roomed with Prentiss and Carol freshman year, joined them. All five expected to attend our 45th reunion next June. Anita arrived for dinner with wonderful Mary Washington memorabilia, including a thank you note from Prentiss for some blue pettipants! The group toured the Chrysler Museum and historic homes, and watched the Neptune Festival Grand Parade. Next year, they plan to meet in Pennsylvania to view Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater home and the re-installed Cyclorama at Gettysburg, as well as Harper's Ferry, W.Va. Anita teaches preschool and has lovely daughters and grandchildren. Her husband, Ray, is a retired teacher and Russian Orthodox priest.

Caroline Hogeland Stone lives and works in Miami and loves life. She is the full-time admissions director at Westminster Christian School and owner of a fitness company, L.I.F.T. Inc., where she teaches five classes a week. She is single now, with three married children and seven wonderful grandchildren.

> *CeCe Smith Riffer '69, who has twins herself, became a grandmother of twins when the wife of one of her twins gave birth.*

Marty Spigel Sedoff retired last February from Ameriprise Financial near Minneapolis. In preparation for her new lifestyle, she took up tap dancing and worked to improve her golf game. Her elder son, John (son of former Mary Washington professor Roy Riedlinger), recently bought a foreclosed house in Minneapolis and is remodeling it. Her younger son, Jim, attained his chemical engineering degree last year and works at Epic Systems in Madison, Wis. Marty and husband Bob keep active with the Edina High School Thespians; Bob designs and builds theater sets. Marty intends to travel throughout the United States and abroad.

Kitty Downs Gregg expressed excitement and relief, as she and Don traveled to Kansas last fall to welcome son Chris, a first lieutenant, back home from his tour in Baghdad, Iraq. The families of all 500 soldiers were housed in a huge gymnasium-type building with large screens for viewing the soldiers as they disembarked from their transport plane. Kitty and Don stayed several days to help Chris get settled in a new apartment, and then celebrated later in Denver, where his friends threw a big party for him just before he reported back to Fort Riley, Kansas, for duty. Kitty completed her second year as president of the Denver Fine Arts Foundation. She managed a tight budget and presented 17 rather than 30 debutantes, yet the foundation received more underwritings than ever, which enabled it to award a record of 24 grants to fine arts organizations. Kitty checked out our "MWC 1966" Facebook page and recommends it to everyone.

Tyla Matteson retired after teaching French and Spanish for 30 years at Kecoughtan High School in Hampton, Va., and returned to the Richmond area, where she keeps busy with her Sierra Club commitment of many years. In 2008, she flew to San Francisco to receive the Sierra Club National Service Award for her 20 years of environmental work, particularly for her efforts to save the Mattaponi River in Virginia. That 13-year campaign culminated in victory in 2009 with an end to plans to build a destructive and unneeded reservoir in King William County. Tyla serves as the Sierra Club's political chair. She missed the Lunch Bunch luncheon since she and her husband, Glen Besa, were traveling to Colorado to attend a nephew's wedding. In December, she and Glen attended the two-week United Nations Climate Change Conference, also called "COP15," in Copenhagen, Denmark, where they visited renewable energy-supplying offshore wind farms. Previously, Tyla attended United Nations COPs in Montreal; Nairobi, Kenya; and Bali, Indonesia, where she spoke first-hand to people from island nations and coastal lands who have been experiencing dramatic and disruptive weather changes. Some of Tyla and Glen's other travels include a 50-mile circuit hike in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, hiking in the Picos de Europa in northern Spain, studying the great leatherneck turtles in Trinidad, snorkeling in St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands; and hiking at home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Tyla has enthusiastically reconnected with **Clair Golihew**

Cosby, **Susannne Landerghini Boehm**, and **Susan Roth Nurin**.

Susan took a cruise with her 95-year-old mother last summer to Singapore, Vietnam, and Japan; and Hong Kong, Taiwan and Shanghai, China. Shortly after that, she flew to Graz, Austria, while her trumpeter son, Justin, performed opera with his orchestra in several venues, including some ancient gilded churches. Susan and Justin took a private tour of the ancient but newly reconstructed synagogue, which housed charred walls from Kristallnacht, the night Nazis destroyed many Jews and their property. On her own, Susan visited places in Vienna that Mozart and Beethoven had frequented, stopped by Central Cemetery to see Beethoven's grave, then went on to the nearby ancient Jewish cemetery to pay homage to two of her great-grandfathers who lived and died in Austria. Her trip concluded with a few days in Prague, Czech Republic. She stayed in a cozy inn in the old section and found Prague to be "stunning beyond belief, so utterly medieval and awesome to behold from any angle." She visited the five famous centuries-old synagogues, which are now museums; ambled along the cobblestone streets; and vividly imagined how life had been for her ancestors. Her favorite was the Spanish Synagogue, so named because of its dramatic Moorish architecture. Susan reluctantly returned to New York, where she spends summers, then home to Annapolis, Md., to resume teaching her Spanish classes.

Virginia Crow Acors '72 has published her first book, **Thoughts of a Country Girl,** *and is working on a second.*

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Marion Brichle Yonce and husband John live in Alexandria, Va., and have three sons. David and his wife, Laura, are in Minnesota and have two daughters, Veronica and Gillian, ages 7 and 5. Ben is in Chicago and planned to marry Stacey in March. Adam is in California finishing graduate school. Marion and John look forward to retirement.

Marion hears from **Jane Wilson Hardy** of Maryland at Christmastime and from **Debbie Talbot**, who lives in the Boston area. In 2008, Marion met **Vliet Matthews Hulse** of Arizona and her sister, **Terry Matthews Melichar** of Maryland, for lunch when they were in the Alexandria area.

After 25 years, **Yvonne Milspaw** still teaches at Harrisburg Area Community College in Pennsylvania, where she is a professor of English and humanities and the director of the college honors program, with which she runs a small lecture series. She and her husband, Douglas Evans, have two grown sons, both out of college and neither showing much interest in producing grandchildren for Yvonne to spoil. Doug is a broadcast engineer for ESPN and covers major league baseball games around the country. Sometimes Yvonne gets to go with him – good thing she really enjoys baseball. She loves to read, and she facilitates a reading group that's been together for 20-plus years. She also writes a bit, mostly folk narrative, and dabbles in fiber arts, making herself interesting clothes, often using patchwork and other quilting techniques. She says she's very slow and always has more inspirations than finished projects.

Wilhelmina "Billie" Endicott Perrine married John F. "Fred" Perrine in 1967, and they have lived in King George County, Va., ever since. Fred was a mechanical engineer at the Naval Weapons Laboratory, now the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division. Billie has taught fifth grade at Potomac Elementary School in Dahlgren, Va.; at a private school for troubled teenage girls from 1968 to 1981; and at a preschool in the late '80s and early '90s. She and Fred have two sons. Chris, 37, is married, has a little boy, and lives and works in Singapore, where Fred and Billie have visited him several times. Their younger son, Nick, a CPA who lives and works in Fredericksburg, is married and has two children, a girl and a boy. Fred and Billie are retired and enjoy their free time. They frequently visit UMW for concerts, plays, and the Fredericksburg Forum. One of the most exciting things they've ever done was to build their own house in 1973 and '74.

Nancy McDonald Legat continues to enjoy retirement with husband Dan. They spend lots of time with their seven grandchildren (ages 8 to 20), do home improvement projects and a little traveling, and just simply enjoy being together! Nancy mentors a girl at a nearby public school, sews, and does calligraphy. She and Dan are active in their church.

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I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and will have a lovely spring. The deadline for this issue was Nov. 15 so, unfortunately, I couldn't include the news I received in Christmas cards, which will have to wait until the summer issue. I do have lots of news from the fall, though.

Our own **Iris Harrell** has once again reached new heights with her business, Harrell Remodeling Inc. She received the 2009 Fred Case Remodeling Entrepreneur of the Year Award at a national remodelers' convention in Indianapolis in October. The award recognizes creative entrepreneurial behavior in the remodeling industry by business owners who have started from the ground up. Fred Case is one of the heroes of the remodeling world, as he has one of the most successful companies nationwide. This is the third year the award has been given and the first time a businesswoman has received it. The honor landed Iris on the cover of the largest remodeling trade magazine in the country. She ended up in the remodeling business after being a teacher, musician, and nonprofit professional. Harrell Remodeling Inc. was started in Menlo Park, Calif., in 1987. Their annual revenue has grown from $280,000 to more than $10.1 million. Iris and her partner, Ann Benson, also have won multiple awards for a house they remodeled as a showcase of green and universal design. Iris, we are so proud of you!

Jeanine Zavrel Fearns, **Anne Witham Kilpatrick**, and **Carolyn "Suzy" Bender Winterble** had a great visit in October at Anne's lovely retirement home near Greenville, S.C., where she and husband Roger have lived for two years. Jeanine, Anne, and Suzy enjoyed Greenville for a couple days, then went to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., and to Harrah's casino hotel in Cherokee, N.C. Jeanine sent a picture of the three of them at the Biltmore. I wish I could print it – they all look great! The Great Smoky Mountains were beautiful, Jeanine said, and they had a ball visiting and sightseeing. Suzy and husband Charlie enjoy their bay-front home on the Chesapeake in Yorktown, Va., and are avid golfers. Jeanine and her family were in Disney World for two weeks last fall. She had a nice visit with **Toni Turner Bruseth** of Austin, Texas, when Toni was in Tidewater visiting her parents last fall. The two were roommates at Mary Washington.

Patti Boise Kemp's son got married last August, and he and his wife live 20 minutes from Patti. She and **Linda Eadie Hood** were trying to identify all the members of our class in the class picture taken at our 40th reunion last May, but Linda's husband, Rick, had some medical problems that took priority, so the project was put on hold. Maybe they have everyone identified by now and can bring the picture to our next reunion, and we can all hope we have not changed a bit. Patti is interested in strengthening our Facebook group. Go to "University of Mary Washington Class of 1969 alumni" and sign up!

Two of **Donna Cannon Julian**'s senior suitemates, **CeCe Smith Riffer** and **Ann Simpson Brackett**, were unable to attend our 40th reunion, so Donna, CeCe, Ann, and **Lyn Howell Gray** had a mini-reunion at Donna's beach house in Lewes, Del., a couple weeks after the reunion. Donna and Lyn filled CeCe and Ann in on all the news from the reunion.

CeCe and husband Bill retired to Williamsburg and live in the same community as **Joan Mueller Goertz**. Joan was Donna's roommate in the French House, along with **Linda Eadie Hood**. Joan lost her mother late last summer. CeCe, who has twins herself, became a grandmother of twins when the wife of one of her twins gave birth. CeCe planned to double the number of her grandchildren this year, as her oldest son was expecting the birth of another child.

Donna also has two new grandchildren, born early last

summer. Her daughter Jennie, who lives near her in Wilmington, Del., gave birth to a little girl, Nora. Donna's daughter, Emily, had a little boy, Walter, a few weeks later. Last summer, Donna's husband, Gene, had a hip replacement, which went fine, but it was discovered that he needed a quadruple bypass and valve-replacement surgery. All went well, and Donna and Gene went on a trip to China in October. Donna stays in touch with **Susan Gentry Roehmer**, who went to high school with her in Charlottesville, Va. Susan and husband John have a beach house in Rehoboth Beach, Del., not far from Donna's beach house.

Ann Simpson Brackett retired from WestEd, but she seems to be getting itchy to do something else. She and her husband, John, live in the Boston area. Ann lost her mother soon after her mini-reunion with Donna, CeCe, and Lyn. Our condolences go to Joan and Ann on the loss of their mothers.

Lyn Howell Gray and husband Jim were still in Liberia working with the YWCA. Donna and Gene were able to attend a party in June in Silver Spring, Md., to celebrate Lyn and Jim's 40th wedding anniversary.

Sadly, in November, **Pidge Williams Walden** lost her battle with cancer. Pidge was a beautiful, loving person whom we all greatly admired. At Mary Washington, she was president of Mortar Board and head freshman counselor her senior year. She and her roommate, **Patti Boise Kemp**, were co-winners of the Jefferson cup for scholarship and service. Pidge attended our 40th reunion in May, and I know we are all glad we got to see her one last time. Pidge made the most of her life and, last October, she and **Gloria Gibson Shelton** spent four days in New York City. The primary reason for the trip was to reunite with friends they'd met on a 2007 cruise of the Baltic and North seas, but they also enjoyed going to museums and the theater. They managed to see three shows and tour The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Frick Collection, and The Museum of Modern Art. Pidge also spent a long weekend in her hometown of Marion, Va., for a band reunion attended by her former band director from the '60s. She was able to complete the 10-mile portion of the Atlanta 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer – an amazing feat! She raised nearly $1,500 for the campaign. Pidge was a remarkable woman, and we all will miss her.

Gloria Shelton Gibson, **Linda Gattis Shull**, and **Anne Witham Kilpatrick** attended a UMW reception at the Charlotte City Club in North Carolina last October. Although the number of alumni who attended was small, graduates from the '60s through the early 2000s were present.

Bonnie Page Hoopengardner and husband Roger went on a month-long trip to Australia and New Zealand last fall. Bonnie said it was amazing, with wonderful sights and lots of wildlife in each country. Bonnie's Mary Washington roommate, **Betty Ferguson Foster**, died of cancer in December. Betty was active at Mary Washington and continued in that vein after graduating. She volunteered for many worthwhile community organizations in Richmond and in Charlottesville, where she and her husband, Charlie, had lived for the last couple years. Betty was also a committed member of the UMW Board of Visitors. She attended our 40th reunion in May, and I am so glad we had that time together. Betty was truly a generous and beautiful person. She gave of herself to family and friends, as well as the community, wherever she lived. She will be truly missed by everyone.

> *Kevin Havens '77 and his praise band, JC Reigns, released their second album,* What If?

Jane Jackson Woerner of Florida headed to Virginia to visit family and friends last fall. She visited with **Connie Hinson**, her Mary Washington roommate, and had lunch and dinner with **Jean Polk Hanky** and her husband, Jack. Jane and her cousin Steve toured James Madison's Montpelier, which has been completely renovated, and the newly redone Virginia Capitol Building in Richmond. Jane's mother will winter with Jane and her husband, Bill, this year, as she has done in the past. Jane reported that **Connie Cline Bukzin** and husband Mitch went on a cruise of the Hawaiian Islands with another couple last fall. They enjoyed the trip despite the fact that it is a long way just to get to Hawaii, and it is quite expensive when you do get there!

Please send me an email with any news you have, and I will certainly put it in our Class Notes. I love hearing from everyone!

1970 *Reunion Weekend*

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Save the date! Please mark your calendars for our 40th reunion, June 4-6. In late October, **Kathi O'Neill Argiropoulos** hosted an enthusiastic band of volunteers (**Anne Sommervold LeDoux**, **Gabby Pagin**, **Kathy Thiel**, **Elaine Wilson Maloney**, **Susie Duffey DiMaina**, **Adrienne Whyte**, and **Tina Kormanski Krause**) at her home to start the planning for our reunion activities. **Kathy Shepherd Mehfoud**, **Carole LaMonica Clark**, **Susan Johnson Gillette**, and **Lee Howland Hogan** offered their support from afar. Some highlights of the upcoming weekend include a Saturday morning campus tour, followed by our class picnic, and the Saturday evening banquet on campus. Kathi's group is working hard to make the gathering a particularly memorable one, but the best way to make that happen is for everyone to plan to attend. Call your roommate and make it happen!

Ted and I traveled to the Florida Panhandle in September for my niece's wedding. It was great to see my family, especially my youngest brother, who flew in from New Mexico. My mom, 86, and dad, 89, still live on their own, and attending Ashley's wedding was another item checked off on Dad's "bucket list!"

Ellen Grace Jaronczyk and husband Bob finally moved into their new home in Williamsburg. Bob plans to work another year before retiring. They are both happy to be a short distance from their son, Morgan, and his family in Fredericksburg.

Lynn Amole Horng and husband Albert live in Hatfield, Pa., and have four children. Dunstan earned his bachelor's degree in English and history from Temple University last June and was applying to grad school to pursue a master's degree in library science. Debra received a degree in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2004, worked in Boston and Philadelphia, then enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to pursue a master's degree in medical physics. Aidan was pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at community college and planned to transfer to Drexel University. Abe earned his bachelor's degree in math and economics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute last June and works for Prudential. Lynn's husband, Albert, enjoys piano, bridge, and being the grand old man of soccer referees. Lynn taught high school Spanish for a few years after getting back to work, but she didn't enjoy the long commute, and now she substitute teaches for the North Penn School District. She also does volunteer farm work at a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) organic farm and recently bought a bicycle that gets her around town easily.

Helen Row Mullins and husband Mike retired in Jolo, W.Va., in 2001. Helen still does some substitute teaching and helps her husband with Boy Scouts, honeybees, the American Legion, church events, and local missions. She also belongs to the local Lions Club and the Rebecca Lodge and, recently, she started volunteering for the McDowell County Commission on Aging. She enjoys visiting family, especially her three grandsons, Kevin, 11, Eli, 4, and Isaac, 2, who live in the Fredericksburg area. In May, Helen and her sister took a nine-day cruise to Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Haiti. During the college semesters, she is a member of a 70-voice mixed choir at Southwest Virginia Community College that travels to sing joint concerts with the West Virginia University Choir in Morgantown. Helen relaxes at her pool and with her little dog, Lucky.

Please send me your news and make plans now to attend our 40th reunion in June.

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Hello one and all, and thank you for your notes from the past few months. We still enjoy life in Baltimore. Even with the rain, it was one of the most beautiful

autumns we'd seen in a long time. Being a lover of country music, I had an exciting April vacation in Nashville, Tenn. I am a soprano soloist at Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church and continue my hobby of designing quirky retro costumes. I made the finals again this year in the Baltimore Honfest and won a couple of prizes elsewhere for these creations. Dennis and I continue to enjoy day trips to historic sites in several states. We hoped to spend some time with **Cheryl Prietz Childress** and her husband, Dave, Thanksgiving weekend. We're always in touch, but it's been awhile since we've been together. Cheryl and Dave continue to enjoy retirement and are constantly on the go with boating trips, Colonial reenactments, and equine activities. Their son, Alex, still works for a radio station in Richmond. Their daughter, Thea, is a senior at Virginia Tech and has announced her engagement to Eric, who is working on an MBA. They plan to marry within the next year.

Debbie Stanley Leap's daughter, Amy, attends UMW. She is on track to graduate 40 years after our class and 67 years after her grandmother **Ruth Stanley '45**. It's always such a joy to hear about UMW being a family tradition. Amy studied in Spain over the summer and returned to campus as an orientation leader in the fall. Debbie took early retirement from Merck & Co. a few years ago but loved staying busy, so she works part time doing electron microscopy at JMU and accounting at RMH Wellness Center.

Kathy Duley wrote that the art business in Scottsdale, Ariz., had been affected by the economic downturn, but she hoped for an upswing in travel and consumer spending with the upcoming season. **Julie Obarski Simpson** packed her daughter, Cara, off to St. Mary's College of Maryland. Her son, Trey, started a new job selling Volvos in Fredericksburg and is doing well. Julie still lives in Fredericksburg and works at Caldwell Associates.

Virginia Crow Acors lives in Partlow, Va., in the home she and her husband built after graduation. They have three sons and four grandchildren. Virginia taught on and off in Fredericksburg and in Spotsylvania and Stafford counties. She received a master's degree from the Curry School of Education at U.Va. Her last teaching assignment, as a reading specialist and coordinator at Lee Hill Elementary School, lasted nearly 15 years. Not one to stay idle during retirement, she has happily been writing. Her first book, *Thoughts of a Country Girl*, has been published, and she's working on a second.

Best wishes to all, and I hope to hear from more of you in the coming months.

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1975 Reunion Weekend

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Nancy McClung moved, after her 2008 divorce, to Hendersonville, N.C., where she's near her sister and can continue to practice physical therapy and teach Pilates. Nancy's older daughter, Katrina, was scheduled to graduate from the University of Texas at Austin in December. Tyler, Nancy's younger daughter, spent her freshman year at Reed College in Portland, Ore., working and supporting herself. After visiting in North Carolina, though, she decided to look into schools there. Nancy said it's good to be back on the East Coast, and she hopes to strike a balance between part-time work and free time.

Connie Whitmarsh-Tomko is a proud stay-at-home mom after two graduate degrees and 20-plus years in the professional workforce. She and husband Al adopted their only children when Connie was 49! Mei Mei (pronounced "May May") is almost 8 and in third grade. Jade just turned 7 and is in first grade. Connie laughs when she reads about our classmates' children graduating from college and getting married. She's just delighted that their kids are making them young again and that both children are now in school. Connie quit her job as an international quality manager at Tyco Electronics after they adopted Mei Mei – too much travel and too many late-night international phone conferences. Connie is active in politics and coordinates volunteers for 16 electoral precincts south of York, Pa. She teaches industrial statistics and other quality-related classes on a part-time basis, and she works part time at the local YMCA. Al is a senior research scientist at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Connie and Al met in graduate school at Penn State University and just celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary. Connie writes, "We don't have any free time ... Thank God we empty nested the first 20 years of marriage!"

Ann Masten Woomert is in Toronto, where her husband plays in the symphony. They have one son who has graduated from the University of Toronto and one son studying at Indiana University, and their youngest son is at Northwestern University. Ann teaches seventh-grade classes, as well as a special program for English language learners with limited prior schooling who are new to Canada.

Save the date! Please make plans to attend our 35th Reunion Weekend, June 4-6, the weekend following the Memorial Day holiday. The new format will provide enhanced opportunities for classes to get together, as well as ample time to tour the campus, attend faculty lectures, and visit downtown Fredericksburg. Please join us!

Thanks to everyone who provided news for this issue. It's always a lot of fun to hear how people are doing. If you haven't thought about submitting your news, we'd love to hear from you!

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I continue to teach yoga and sing; I was a chorus member last fall in my first opera, Mozart's *The Abduction from the Seraglio*.

Patty Churchill Shippee '81 has a daughter, Clare, who is a fourth-generation Mary Washington student.

As of last year, **Jeff Hunter** and his wife, Wendy, lived on a 250-acre former Christmas tree farm in Bowling Green, Va., surrounded by white pines, farmland, four ponds for fishing, and plenty of room for their 1-year-old, Cooper, to grow up! Jeff works at a private therapeutic healthcare center outside Fredericksburg but would like to return to managing a theater, arena, or convention center. He has two older children. Christopher lives between San Diego and Alaska, fishing for squid, salmon, and lobster. Lindsey married in 2008 and lives in south Florida. Jeff stays in touch with **Ritchie Hasty '76** and his wife, **Barbara Hasty '80**, who both work at Mary Washington Hospital.

Kevin Havens is working on a second career; he's finishing seminary and serving as worship leader for a contemporary praise team at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church in Arlington, Va. He plans to complete a doctorate in worship studies in the near future. His oldest son, Trevor, is a Marine and a 2003 combat veteran of the war in Iraq. Along with two grandchildren, Kevin and his wife, Terry, have a son, Tanner, who is just entering high school in Fairfax. Recalling his days with Thunder Bay, Kevin and his praise band, JC Reigns, recently released their second album, *What If?* **Lisa Rae Walker** and her husband, of Glen Allen, Va., enjoy retirement and travel a lot.

Laurie Fisher Calloway, who has taught at Fredericksburg Academy for 16 years, celebrated her 27th anniversary with Gary. Last May, daughter Beth graduated from Duke University with a major in chemistry and a minor in French. This year, she's working for Duke at a medical school they have in conjunction with the National University of Singapore. Adam is in

his third year at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and Neil began his sophomore year at Virginia Wesleyan College last fall. Laurie enjoys watching all the changes on the UMW campus. The old Park & Shop will soon have student housing and businesses, and there will be a pedestrian walkway over U.S. Route 1 leading to that complex. Such a different world!

Kathleen Williams Pyrce teaches middle school religion and English at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School in Atlanta. She has a teenage daughter, Mariah. After 11 years with Circuit City, as assistant general counsel of labor and employment, **Teri Craig Miles** now works as a senior assistant for the Virginia Attorney General doing employment litigation and counseling. Being in the public sector is different and interesting for Teri, who has been traveling and spent nearly three weeks last summer in Italy, Greece, and Turkey. She looks forward to her next adventure.

Vicki Sprague Church has wonderful news that husband Dick underwent successful transplant surgery last fall. It was a rollercoaster ride these last few years, sustaining Dick while waiting for a suitable donor, but their prayers were answered. Vicki sends love and thanks to all who have supported her. Their son, Brad, planned to marry in July and reside in Nashville, Tenn., with bride Kim. Vicki has started a "Class of 1977" subgroup under LinkedIn's (www.linkedin.com) UMW/MWC group, where you can network with classmates.

As many of you know, classmates are rediscovering each other and making wonderful connections via Facebook. This is another means of communication and a way to find out about those we've known many years. Connection is good for the soul! Be well!

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It was great being back on campus for our 30th reunion. The Alumni Association once again put on an amazing event. We were also very grateful to Bill and **Terrie Young Crawley '77** for opening their lovely home for our class party on Friday evening. **Lisa Bratton Soltis** and **Gayle Weinberger Petro** were the party planners with panache for that fun event. The picnic and other events on Saturday were a blast. It was also wonderful to see some of our former professors – in addition to Bill Crawley, George Van Sant, and Bulent Atalay, all with their latest literary endeavors. My husband really enjoyed Dr. Van Sant's book about his military experiences.

Linda Reynolds Thornton is working in the IT department at UMW, where new buildings are sprouting up on campus and an incredible transformation is happening as Park & Shop becomes Eagle Village. Linda celebrated her 25th anniversary with husband Bill, who recently started his own electrical business after retiring from the Stafford County school system. Their son, Will, hiked the Virginia portion of the Appalachian Trail last summer and plans to hike the entire trail next year. Linda recently saw **Randy Kirby** and his wife, **Barrie Miller Kirby '78**, who were on their way back to Salisbury, N.C., where they are both Presbyterian ministers. Their two daughters are at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

> *Katrina Ray Landis '81 lives in London, where she is CEO of BP's Alternate Energy division.*

Frisbee is still alive and well in Fredericksburg. Several Mary Washington grads gathered there for the Virginia State Frisbee Tournament in April. Regulars are: **Eric Olsen '82**, **Hugh Lowry '77**, **Duke Stableford '81**, **Kathy Harrigan '81**, **Eric Wootten '81**, **Bonnie Busking Wootten '81**, **Dawn Machonis '77**, **Ellie Regan '77**, **Lewis Wendell '80**, Scott **Chilton**, and **Sonja Garcia Chilton**.

A few other alumni Linda runs into in the Fredericksburg area are: **Mary Heinike Garret '81**, **Mark Torgeson '91**, **Shannon Elder**, **Matthew Kelly '82**, **Cindi Aller Kelly '84**, and **Mary Semann Hodge**. In the past few years, the following alumni have also been back to Fredericksburg: **Kim Lytton** of Alaska, **Amy Craft '77**, **Tim Bobbitt**, **Carol Altstatt '81** of Maryland, and **Pamela Brown '78** of Miami. Linda also keeps in touch with **Jeanne Walker McKee** of Banner Elk, N.C., and **Anne Meaney Leckie '78** of Canada.

We hope to hear more from all of you for future Class Notes. Please contact me at the postal or email address above.

1980 Reunion Weekend

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Ten of our classmates got together at Lake Anna in Virginia in November to celebrate turning 50 (or "halfway to 100" as **Pam Clapp Hinkle**'s son Ian described it). It was an awesome weekend of laughing and sharing stories. Pam flew in from Plymouth, Mass., where she heads up communications and development at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole. **Karen Snyder Boff** flew in from Atlanta. She is working on growing her home organization consulting business while still maintaining a household with three teenage girls.

Katrina Ray Landis flew in from London, where she is CEO of BP's Alternate Energy division. She celebrated 28 years of marriage in June. **Ellen Stanley Booth** of Arlington, Va., is vice president of communications at National Geographic. **Colleen McCahill Turley** lives in Fredericksburg with husband **David Turley**, and 13-year-old son, Nolan. In September, the three went to Italy and Malta on a glorious two-week pilgrimage, celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in Rome. **Charlotte Clare Snyder** of Ellicott City, Md., recently lost her mother, **Wilma Lindsey Clare '45**. **Bobbie Dwyer Leon** also lives in Ellicott City and has her own business tutoring dyslexic students in math. Her daughter, Megan, got married in October. **Elisa Devorshak Harvey** lives in the Sandy Spring community of Montgomery County, Md. She works as a regulatory consultant for medical device companies and practices veterinary medicine part time, so she can have more time to play with her horses.

Patty Churchill Shippee, who lives on the Potomac River in King George County, Va., does environmental water quality analysis. Her daughter, **Clare Shippee '13**, is a fourth-generation Mary Washington student. **Nancy McEntyre Kenefick** is in her 28th year of teaching third grade in the Fairfax County school system.

Missing from the gathering were **Katie Kulp Jones**, a media specialist who lives in Roanoke, Va., with her husband of 27 years and their three girls; **Wendy Brown**, who lives in Spotsylvania County, Va., with her husband and runs an assisted living business with her mother; and me, still living in the San Diego area with my husband and two children and working as the military program director for United Through Reading. Among all of us, there are 33 kids, ages 8 to 25!

I had dinner with **Jenny Sharp-Warthan** recently when she was in San Diego. Her older daughter, Christy, a graduate of Randolph-Macon College, recently got married and lives in Gloucester, Va. Her younger daughter, Morgan, is a freshman at the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

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My husband and I continue to be incredibly busy at work in the era of payment reform. Our oldest is a college sophomore, and the two others are in 10th and 11th grade, so we're starting the college search once again. My father still lives with us and cooks dinner, washes clothes,

and keeps house. Please find me on Facebook or drop me an email. My original email list has gotten outdated.

Susan Leavitt has been very involved with UMW alumni activities and fundraising. Real estate and traveling also continue to keep her busy. Susan caught up with **Monica Rastallis** at Monica's engagement party.

Meg Bell of Fredericksburg has been on mission trips in Gulfport, Miss., and McDowell County, W.Va. Her 16-year-old daughter, Meghan, is in 10th grade and is interested in studying interior design after high school. Meg has been the crafts director/instructor at Wilderness Presidential Resorts in Spotsylvania County, Va., since 2007, and she paints murals of the resort for buildings onsite. She also works as a tour guide in Washington, D.C., during the spring season.

Glen Bell works with Delta Air Lines in Atlanta and actively engaged in the merger with Northwest Airlines. Glen took his family on a weeklong mission trip to the Czech Republic to work on church construction and a youth sports camp. The summer included family trips to Phoenix and Los Cabos, Mexico, along with a quick trip to Washington, D.C., to help **John Middlebrook** celebrate a significant birthday. Fall brought floods to Atlanta, and Glen has been working with the church on flood relief projects. On weekends, he still plays soccer, while the boys have become infatuated with roller hockey. Over Thanksgiving, Glen and his family traveled to London to enjoy the Christmas decorations.

Dave Hardin has connected with many classmates since discovering Facebook. Dave spent 10 days team-teaching a public policy course in Yellowstone National Park in May, crashed the Mary Washington Class of '84 Reunion in June, and made another 8,000-plus-mile road trip with wife Elizabeth and son Luke in July, crossing the southern tier of states to New Mexico and back via Kansas City, and hitting a Green Day concert (Luke's first) along the way. In October, they saw U2 in Charlottesville, then blink-182 in Virginia Beach the next day. In late October, Dave chaperoned Luke's fourth-grade field trip to Jamestown, Va., and made a presentation on rock types to Luke's Webelo Scout troop. Dave says he'll rest at some point.

Princess Moss spent a week in London in November, touring on the Big Bus; visiting the British Museum, the British Library, Madame Tussaud's wax museum, Harrods, and Harvey Nichols; and catching a great view of London via the London Eye. At the end of the week, she was hosted by the National Union of Teachers and took a train to Stoke Rochford, Lincolnshire, to attend their fall conference, where Princess was keynote speaker and served on a panel to discuss education issues.

Nelly Garza's son, Matthew, graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in education for teaching kinesiology and history. Nelly and husband David celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary.

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First, I hope to see everyone at our 25-year Reunion Weekend, June 4-6. There's a "MWC Class of '85" Facebook page with details, thanks to my favorite herb gardener, **Renee Allen Kuntz**. The school will also be updating our reunion page at www.umw.edu/alumni with a list of attendees. Friends from other classes are most welcome to join us.

I welcome your news and updates anytime. Send me your email address so I can add you to the reminder list. Your classmates want to hear from you! What's old news to you is a fun update to the rest of us, so please stay in touch.

As are many classmates, I am in the throes of parenting a teenage boy. We live in Staunton, Va., and I am a certified pharmacy technician at the Augusta Regional Free Clinic, where I get healthy doses of perspective and compassion. **Cathy "Cuff" Gibbons Kunkel**, a kindergarten teacher in Midlothian, Va., helped care for me after surgery last summer. I am in touch via Facebook with **Kim Slayton White**, a prosecutor in South Boston, Va., and **Walt Harper**, a Lutheran pastor in Danbury, Conn., among others. Though not all my words for aging are printable in the alumni magazine, life is surprising and happy.

Tammy Shortt Elrod is an area manager for BB&T in Richmond and Charlottesville. She has worked at the bank nearly 25 years and often listens to audio books during the drive to Charlottesville from her home in Mechanicsville, Va. Husband Bill homeschools their children, Jordan, Joel, and Tricia (ages 15, 8, and 6). They are active at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church.

Chuck Borek and wife Lori live in Woodbine, Md., with their teenagers, Andrew, Joseph, and Mary Claire, and their 3-year-old, Jacob. The older boys played high school football. A lawyer and CPA, Chuck recently published his second book, *Borek's Maryland Business Planning Guidebook*, for the Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers. He presents seminars on tax and nonprofit issues throughout the country for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Chuck occasionally works with **Darryl White '84**, the corporate controller at Fauquier Health System, and frequently visits **Chris Barnett**, who attended Mary Washington from 1981 to '83, in San Francisco.

Since 2007, Susan Goyette '85 of Alexandria, Va., has been communications director at HMSHost, a company that runs concessions in airports worldwide, and it's been good for her frequent flyer count.

Jeffrey Coleman, general manager of Priority Acura in Chesapeake, Va., is in touch with **Bob Saunders '84**, general manager of Hall Acura in Newport News, Va. Jeffrey also talks with **Jim Hard** and **Mickey Houck '84**.

Susan Goyette of Alexandria, Va., has been communications director at HMSHost, a company that runs concessions in airports worldwide, since 2007, and it's been good for her frequent flyer count.

Glenn Birch is director of public and media relations and handles legislative affairs for the Virginia Credit Union in Richmond. He and wife Ellen live in Ashland, Va., where they sing and play music. Glenn also enjoys vegetable gardening and canoeing.

Daryl Lease was an opinion writer for the Sarasota Herald–Tribune in Florida for 10 years before moving with his family to North Carolina in 2008. He is now an editorial writer and columnist at *The Virginian-Pilot* in Norfolk.

1986

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Tracy Greener Hollan enjoys life in Florida, where she and **Ann Stack Harrison** and their families spent some time together in August. In June, Tracy and her daughter, Reagan, had what Tracy calls an experience she will never forget when they traveled to Stuttgart, Germany, to do mission work with their church.

Julie Evetts Clarke recently went back to work at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. In June, I got together with **Jocelyn Piconne**, **Mina Holden Horn**, **Brenda Thier Evans**, **Kristi Williams McCune**, and **Irene Thomaidis Cimino** for some fun in Baltimore. As usual, the gang had a blast, and Jocelyn wants the world to know she won the first annual bowling tournament (we let her win!). Jocelyn participates in a variety of sports and is active with a group that rescues Chesapeake Bay retrievers. **Brenie Matute** continues her travels between her residence in Montreal and Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where much of her family still resides.

Our class news wouldn't be much without **Donna Metzger Lantagne**, who was planning a spring trip to Italy with husband Tony, son Joseph, and daughter Emma. Donna frequently gets together with **Amy Minnigerode Knowles**, **Anna Kelly Hanback**, and **Cabell Jones**. Donna also recently got together with **Mary Loose DeViney** and noted

that Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine presented Mary, her sister, and her mother with the 2009 Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce Small Businesspersons Award. Mary spends much of her free time volunteering with groups as diverse as the Small Business Development Center and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and she serves on the boards of the United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area and Piedmont Virginia Community College. Donna also reports that **Sheryl DeVaun Manspile** was to complete studies to become a nurse this past December, **Cindy Smith Waller** lives in New York City, and **Melissa Haines Sleeth** and her husband were trying to adopt a child.

Edith Dunn, husband Emiko, and son Jed went through quite an ordeal when Edie and Jed were separated from Emiko after the U.S. Embassy in Yemen was attacked in 2008. They have since reunited and live in Tunis, Tunisia.

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From Kim: My husband, Ken, and I are busy preparing our son, Chris, to go to college in the fall, and we are knee-deep in college and scholarship applications. We have entered our 14th year running our computer services company. Ken also is pursuing a second career, taking pictures and video at radio-control plane and car competitions, allowing him to see lots of different cities. I had dinner with **Traci Forrester McGee** last summer when she was in Lawton, Okla., on business. Ironically, Traci and I did not know each other at Mary Washington, but we've become acquainted through these updates and Facebook. We had a great time getting to know one and reminiscing about our days in Fredericksburg. A reminder that I am now on Facebook under "Kim Jones Isaac," and I'm finding that it's the easiest way to get updates. So send me a friend request, and I'll get your update in the next edition.

Susan Mulligan Miller lives in Herndon, Va., with her husband and their three boys, Nick, 13, Thomas, 10, and Max, 8. Susan works part time for Fairfax County. In 2008, she ran the Marine Corps Marathon for the first time.

Toni Moore Milbourne and husband Tom have sent her oldest daughter, Polly, to college at Fairmont State University in West Virginia, where she plans to study elementary education. Toni continues to work as a reporter at the local newspaper and to be involved in many community volunteer efforts. She and Tom have three additional children. Allen, 17, focuses on high school sports and is the quarterback and punter on his school's football team. Maggie, 10, and Samantha, 8, are active in 4-H and planned to play softball and soccer in the spring.

Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine presented Mary Loose DeViney '86, her sister, and her mother with the 2009 Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce Small Businesspersons Award.

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin has been doing lots of print ads, commercials, on-hold messages, and videos through the Dan Agency in Franklin, Tenn. Last year, she was in the Blake Shelton/Trace Adkins "Hillbilly Bone" video, dressed in black and wearing a black pillbox hat. She was also in "Larry the Cable Guy's Hula Palooza Christmas Luau," which can be purchased on DVD, and she's the voice of many audio books. Luckily, she already had a home studio for her podcast, which can be found on her website. Search for her under "The Jane Ellen" (there is no other). Jim loves his job at the election commission. He still works part time at the Cookeville Communications radio stations and is a freelance magazine writer. Anna Grace, 5, and Jenna Marie, 4, are blonde Amazons with wicked senses of humor, and Jane Ellen is thrilled to be their mother.

Eda Spivey Price '88 writes a weekly entertainment column for Jane Ellen's website. Eda and husband Don are raising their daughters, Patricia (6) and Olivia (4), in Glen Allen, Va. Eda has worked for nine years at Media General, where she's the employee communications editor, developing written and web-based communications to help employees get the most from their benefits. She also dabbles in voice-over work. Eda and Don have been married for nine years and were looking forward to renewing their vows this year.

Kelly Aylmer McDonald and husband Patrick bought Kelly's childhood home. They have two children, Max, 6, and Patsy Anne, 5. Kelly is in her 22nd year teaching at the same Catholic school where she started. She teaches computer classes to children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Kevin and Linda Milton Sautter, who celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary in December, live close to Fredericksburg on their farmette in Sumerduck, Va. Kevin retired in December of 2007 as a Marine Corps lieutenant colonel and has a new career as a police officer for the city of Warrenton, Va. Linda is still horsing around and can often be found at regional horse shows. Their oldest child, Daniel, 19, finished Army basic training and is working to become an unmanned aerial vehicle pilot. Their daughter, April, 16, is a junior at Liberty High School and an accomplished equestrian, like her mother.

From René: Cyndi Quann Toombs moved her daughter, **Tiffany Hobbs '13**, into UMW's Virginia Hall in August. With her mother and her grandmother, **Martha Jarvis Quann '92**, preceding her, Tiffany becomes a third-generation Mary Washington student.

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From Beverly: I am working a lot (doing payroll for a nationwide building supply company), playing volleyball, and hanging out with my brother and 8-year-old nephew, who recently moved to Richmond. Last summer, I took a class and, after many long and hard hours studying (unlike I ever did at the Wash!), I am now a certified payroll professional. I'd love to hear from y'all, so drop me a line when you have a chance, even if we never knew each other!

Adam Smith works with clients through his management consulting firm, Adam Smith Executive Search Consulting, and has started work on an MBA in organization development at Johns Hopkins University. He went scuba diving in Turks and Caicos during the summer. Adam planned to conduct leadership training for a large corporate client with manufacturing operations in South America, hike the Inca Trail and see Machu Picchu, and complete an advanced motorcycle riding class at Virginia International Raceway!

Diane Cardwell Huntington of Somerville, Va., manages the programming department of an information technology company that supports financial companies. She's been married to husband Bill since 1990, has a 16-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son, and said life consists of high school sports and running kids around.

Chris Zavrel '86 and his wife, **Janet Hall '87**, are busy with their three daughters, Emily, Claire, and Olivia. Emily is a high school freshman, Claire is in seventh grade, and Olivia is in fifth grade. They all have a million activities that require a "taxi" service. Chris still works for Scitor Corp., where he recently started work on a government-sponsored study of oceanographic indicators of climate change. Janet works in children's publications for the National Wildlife Federation and is always training for a 10K somewhere.

Dawn Odom of Richmond works for VDOT and completed two Olympic distance triathlons in the past year with Team in Training, raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Gregory S. Malakoff celebrated his 13th wedding anniversary in October. He and his wife have four children, ages 2 to 10 – three boys and one girl. Greg has been at Sprint for nine years (five with Nextel) and has run their e-commerce dealer sales channel for the past three years. Two years ago, they bought a house in the Oak Hill area of Fairfax County, Va. Greg is still a Deadhead

and takes every opportunity to see members of the Grateful Dead perform.

Kelly Gould Stewart is happily remarried to Bob, with a very musically talented daughter, Joie. She is in private practice for herself (psychology), is a volunteer firefighter, and is learning to play the fiddle. They live the Maine life, doing anything outdoors.

Mary Hollis and **Richard Jupe** '87 live in Richmond with their three active children. The oldest just got her driver's license. Both girls are good basketball players (at 6-feet-2 inches and 5-feet-11 inches), and their son, who is 10, is already planning to become a doctor. MH volunteers a lot and takes care of the family and their zoo. Richard travels all over the world with his job.

Sue Coleman has three children – Wes, Allie, and Emma – and is busy with after-school activities. They are in Northern Virginia, along with half our class! **Michelle Martin** of Northern Virginia is a graphic designer and started her own online jewelry and card business, Purple Martin Arts. **Colleen Chruney Myers** of Pennsylvania is working hard and taking care of their six kids (three are hers and three are her hubby's).

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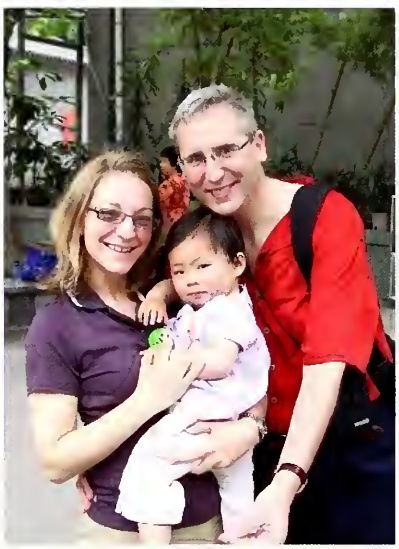
Hello, Class of 1991! I hope everyone is doing well. I am happy to say that I've heard from a lot of our classmates this time. Here's the latest news.

Mike Nichols and family have lived in North Carolina for six years. Mike works for BB&T. His wife, Martha, is a Disney travel consultant. As part of her training, she got to take trips to see the Florida resorts and go on a cruise. Daughter Kate is 9, and son Christopher is 7.

Laura Hilton English of Washington was certified as a life coach through Martha Beck's program and looks forward to coaching anyone who would like a "push" in the right direction. She continues to dabble in her photography business and update her blog, and enjoys spending time with her children, who are 9 and 7.

Laurie Johnson Chidlow and husband Carl live in Alexandria, Va., with their son, 7, and daughter, 4.



Donald Appiarius and his wife, Vivian, adopted Na-Lee when she was 2 years old. Appiarius received a double lung transplant in 2003.

A Second Chance at Life Brings Alumnus Full Circle

Donald B. Appiarius '88 can't count his blessings enough. He was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at age 5, and doctors didn't expect him to live past elementary school, much less become a tennis champion and doctoral candidate with a family and career.

"You should be euphoric every day you wake up," said Appiarius, who received a double lung transplant in 2003. "You have this incredible gift of life."

Cystic fibrosis, an inherited disease that causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs and digestive tract, has dug its claws into all aspects of Appiarius' life. The disease denied him a career in international intelligence, because it could have meant compromising his health by working in disease-ravaged countries.

But when his body pointed him down a different path, Mary Washington showed him the way. The overwhelming respect he felt from faculty members opened his eyes to a new career opportunity and sparked a desire to impact the college experience of others.

"You are able to affect change," said Appiarius, associate vice president for student development at Shenandoah University, of his current occupation. "You're able to make a difference in peoples' lives."

Early on, he began altering his own life, becoming an athlete because they were the healthiest people he knew, and he immersed himself in soccer and tennis. He excelled academically, as well, getting into several colleges. But only Mary Washington seemed "warm and fuzzy."

"There was something unique about [it] that just felt perfect," said Appiarius, who majored in political science and history and served as student government president.

He continued to beat the odds in college, running 10Ks with a lung capacity of just 65 percent. And he became interested not only in the role played by a certain RA he knew, but also in the opportunity for student interaction that came with that position. A string of Mary Washington faculty members inspired him, but professor Joanne Beck, then dean of students, sealed the deal.

"I saw the passion she had for supporting student success and that really resonated with me," Appiarius said.

After Mary Washington, he earned a master's degree in conflict resolution at George Mason University and began a career calculated in its diversity. He's worked from Illinois to Washington, D.C., at schools that are small, large, public, private, historically black, women-only, and faith-based.

"At a small school, I still get to have a lot of direct student interaction," Appiarius said from his office at Shenandoah, where he's pursuing a doctorate in organizational leadership. "That's very precious to me."

He always worked, even as his lung capacity plummeted to 26 percent. The transplant came just in time, he said. Five years later, he won a silver medal in men's tennis at the 2008 U.S. Transplant Games.

Appiarius achieved another victory last summer, when he and wife Vivian adopted a 2-year-old daughter, Na-Lee. From wondering if he'd survive another year as a child to having a child of his own, Appiarius feels he has come full circle. Almost.

As a member of UMW's alumni board, he returns to campus often. What he dreams of is landing a job at his alma mater. "I want to give back to Mary Washington what it's given to me."

– Lisa Chinn

Laurie works part time for Booz Allen Hamilton, is a swim coach, and plays in a master soccer league. Her son swims on a winter team and, during the summer, swam for the Dowden Terrace Dolphins, coached by **Evan Stiles**! Laurie said that Evan is a terrific coach and enthusiastically theme-dresses (as a blue-faced superhero or a red, white, and blue-faced patriotic hippie, for example) for meets.

Billy Germelman started a new job with Booz Allen Hamilton. He is assigned to the Pentagon with the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs' Yellow Ribbon Program, helping military reservists and their families cope with deployments. Billy and his family (his two boys are teenagers) went through the home-buying process in the fall. He loves Facebook as a way to catch up with everyone and said that the elusive **Craig Lovett** is alive and well in Massachusetts.

Jill Grizzard Fajna works part time as a pharmacist, and husband Timothy is a farmer. They have 8-year-old twins, Joseph and Sarah Paige, and stay busy with activities, including Brownies, dance, and baseball. They all took a trip to Disney last year. Her family recently adopted two kittens to join their 16-year-old cat. Jill keeps in touch with **Leigh Hester** and her twin sister, **Lynne Hester Leggett**. Jill reconnected with **Lisa Dominic Groff**, her freshman year roommate, a few years ago, and saw **Tammy Watkins Cox** and her family at the mall last Christmas.

Monnie Huston Wertz of Tampa, Fla., is the associate dean of students for the University of Tampa. She has worked part time since her first daughter, Susannah, 9, was born. Their younger daughter, Ella, is 6. The family enjoys snorkeling, diving, and working in their church. Monnie's husband, Brent, created a not-for-profit called Three Strand Cord, which works with short-term missionaries around the world.

Tiffany Fowler Nickels lives in Owings, Md., with her husband of 17 years, Rich, and 6-year-old son Parker. She has worked for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant for nine years, in human resources and as an instructional technologist. The family plays sports and games, rides bikes, watches movies, and does anything that makes them laugh.

Charlie Gullo has lived in Singapore for seven years and is an assistant professor of immunology and principal research scientist at the new Duke-NUS graduate medical school there. Charlie is also a principal research scientist at Singapore General Hospital, where he runs a small cancer immunology laboratory. He met Yen Gullo-Ho in Singapore and married her nearly three years ago. Charlie keeps in touch with **Kelli Miller-Slunt**, **Mark Gilliat**, **Chris Louden**, and others, mostly through Facebook. Charlie said he misses UMW and wishes it were easier for him to attend reunions.

Charlie Gullo '91 is an assistant professor and principal research scientist at the new Duke–NUS graduate medical school in Singapore, where he teaches immunology.

Molly Brown Phelps has a new job as a math aide in the computer lab and in special education classes at Rappahannock High School. She also is chairperson of the elementary PTA enrichment committee. Her son, Tristan, started kindergarten, and daughter Mikayla is in fourth grade. Husband Randy is busy with work and serving on the Richmond County Board of Supervisors.

Nicole LaPorte Parker, husband Carl, and 4-year-old twins, Chase and Emma, have lived in Canada since September of 2008. Carl worked in Cincinnati for Samuel & Son, a Canadian steel service center company, and got a promotion requiring them to move north. They live in Grimsby, on the shores of Lake Ontario, halfway between Toronto and Niagara Falls. Nicole enjoys visiting **Amy Rose LaPierre**, **Laurie Johnson Childow**, and **Karen Clegg Blocker** and getting their kids together for play dates when she visits her parents in Fairfax, Va.

Jennifer Bryant Langdale and family moved to Eufaula, Ala., this past summer. Her husband, Jay, took a job teaching history at Andrew College in Cuthbert, Ga., but they chose to buy a house in Eufaula because it's bigger. Their son, Alex, is nearly 5. Jennifer reports that **Rhonda Lefever Poff** lives in Waxhaw, N.C., and stays at home with her three children (ages 10, 7, and 2), and that **Gina Dukes Jones** still teaches high school math in Chesapeake, Va., and has two daughters (ages 7 and 6).

Mark Micozzi and **Wendy Durst** spent more than five weeks in Kenya and Tanzania last summer. Highlights included climbing to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, taking a five-day safari, and exploring the islands of Zanzibar, the coast of Kenya, and rural villages in the mountains of Tanzania. Mark recently achieved tenure at East Central University in Ada, Okla., where he teaches geography and earth science. Wendy has a master's degree in elementary education and curriculum development and teaches third grade in Colorado.

Leanne Kinsella of Charlotte, N.C., is director of new market development for Continuum, a consulting firm for Fortune 40 companies. She enjoys spending time with significant other Frank, his 15-year-old son, and their border collie and three cats.

Lisa Williamson Dargay and family moved to Columbus, Ohio, last summer for husband Jeff's job with Nationwide. Lisa described the move as an unexpected yet amazing transition for their family. Their kids, Kayla (sixth grade) and Luke (fourth grade), have made new friends and are enjoying all the fun things to do in their new location.

Jeff Valencia and wife Joanne of Annapolis, Md., welcomed their first child, daughter Sarah Catherine, in May. Jeff is director of business management for TeleCommunication Systems. He sees **Doug Mashkuri**, **Ted Thomason**, and **Jeff Rountree**.

Thanks for the updates. It was great to hear from so many of you this time! Please continue to write with any news.

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There is no news I enjoy more than hearing how many of our classmates still get together for mini-reunions. **Jorin Botte**, **Trent Richardson**, **Matt Sutter**, and their families spent Labor Day weekend at Dewey Beach, Del., for a mini-Mercer reunion. Jorin, wife Karolien, and their son, Griffin, reside in Gent, Belgium. Trent, wife Liz, daughter Lillie, and son Beau live in Fairfax,

Va. Matt, wife Alexis, and son Ambrose call Alexandria home. Trent, **Scott Estelle** of Northern Virginia, and **Steve Smith**, who is serving the State Department in Baghdad, Iraq, were all on hand for a rare Washington victory last summer at Nationals Park.

Stacie Tarbet Carson married James Carson on Sept.19 in Athens, Ga., with many of their friends and family in attendance, including several of Stacie's fellow Mary Washington grads. Her brother, **Corie Tarbet '01**, and his fiancée, **Becky Erbelding '03**, traveled from Virginia so Corie could serve as Stacie's "man of honor." The newlyweds celebrated the weekend with **Tori Hillyer Brantley '96**, **Chappell Tyler Tommasi**, **Jon Gates**, **Wesley Huevel '98**, and **Ailie Byers '98**. Stacie, a fourth-grade teacher, and James, a manager for Athens First Bank & Trust, live in Athens with their dog, Zach. Stacie also is working on her dissertation for her doctorate in middle school education at the University of Georgia and plans to graduate this year.

Catherine Estes married Jonathan Heinsius last May in Washington, D.C. Catherine's friends Rhodaline and Christina attended with their Mary Washington husbands, **Jason Tootell** and **Terry Murphy '93**. Catherine and Jonathan were expecting a baby boy in March. Catherine teaches and does environmental education consultant work, and Jonathan works for TerraGo Technologies. **Caroline Danforth**, who also was at the wedding, lives with her husband, Scott Hutchison, and her 1-year-old son, Ronan, in Falls Church, Va. Caroline works at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., matting and framing master prints and drawings.

Brooke Molyneux Shepard, husband Jason, and their son, Gavyn, visited family in Fredericksburg and made a trip to campus. Brooke said it was great walking around UMW and seeing all the changes. The family also visited **Maren Valentino** in Richmond. Brooke finished her residency in emergency medicine in 2008 and is an attending physician in an emergency department in the Tampa Bay, Fla., area.

> *Matt Paxton '97 used his liberal arts degree gloriously by making his TV début on A&E's hit show* Hoarders.

In September, **Kim Ranney** married Michael Smith on her grandparents' property outside Charlottesville, Va. Mary Washington alums **Krissy Tsantes Moore** and **Brian Ranney '94** served as best gal and best man. Kim and Michael reside in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Erika Ehland Benowitz gave birth to a little girl, Lauren Emily, on March 29. **Jonathan Wilkinson** welcomed a baby girl, Corradina, to his family, and they live in Ontario, Canada. **Cheryl Mote Chafos** is proud to announce the birth of her third boy, Anthony James, born on Sept. 15. Anthony's brothers, Andrew and Zachary, are 9 and 7. Cheryl's husband, Timothy, works at the Pentagon and was promoted early to colonel. She enjoys being a stay-at-home mom and a part of the Army community in Fort Meade, Md.

Ken Stout and **Maria Webb Stout '95** were thrilled to travel to China at the end of November to adopt a 7-month-old baby girl after more than four years of waiting. **Matt Paxton** and wife Sarah had their first son, Cooper, in December. Last year, Matt used his liberal arts degree gloriously by making his TV début on A&E's hit show *Hoarders*. Look for him next time you catch the show!

Chris Bechtler is an assistant professor of music at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he also directs a choir. He earned a doctorate in musical arts last May and lives in Hattiesburg, Miss., with wife Laura.

Sarah Meyrowitz Meytin lives in Gaithersburg, Md., with her wife, Rachel, two children, two cats, and her in-laws. She recently changed careers and now teaches 2-year-olds at a Jewish preschool. Between having her son in the school and being paid to play on the playground every day, she experiences significantly less stress. She hopes to see Mary Washington friends soon and keeps in touch with many of them on Facebook.

Patrick Lohmeyer, **Suzette McLoone Lohmeyer**, and their children, Aidan and Bridget, still live in Albania. They have traveled to nearby Montenegro and Greece and plan to visit Croatia soon. They recently added to their household two puppies they found in a trash heap.

Aaron Zielinski and his wife, Lisa, celebrated their fifth anniversary in October. They have a son, Benjamin, who was approaching his second birthday. Aaron is having a blast building his financial advisory practice in Norfolk, Va. Also building a business is **Amy Brown**, who has a successful Richmond fish store that specializes in koi.

Amanda Neptune Bridges' third child, a boy, was due in January. He was to join his 5-year-old sister, Kate, and 2-year-old brother, Nick. The family was living in South Jersey, but planned to move back to Tacoma, Wash., after the baby arrived. Amanda's husband, Lt. Col. Brad Bridges, was to take command of a C-17 squadron at the Air Force base there. They were excited to return to Washington after five years and three different homes – in Korea, Alabama, and New Jersey. **Brahim Asfahani** and **Tory Rendon Asfahani '96** were expecting their third child, a little brother for sisters Mirah and Lyla, this spring. **Aryn Diggle Blanton** and husband Jeff bought a house early last year in Arlington, Va.

Colette Strawn Johnson and husband **Mike Johnson '96** bought a house in Centreville, Va., where they live with their sons, Alex, 3, and Zach, 2. **Allyson Knudson Gallup**, husband John, son Jack, and daughter Hannah Irene live in Long Valley, N.J. In August, **Kurt Jensen** moved to Gainesville, Fla., with his wife, Deborah Hiatt-Jensen. He is a postdoctoral researcher in the department of neurology at the University of Florida, where he studies Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases. **Jason Terril** also moved in August for his job in Hawaii and plans to live in paradise for the next few years. Kurt and Jason shouldn't be surprised if I show up on their doorsteps to escape from my ninth winter in Minnesota!

1998

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Fifteen years ago, we were still freshmen. At that point, we had met many of the friends who would eventually travel with us, congratulate us on our first jobs, and help celebrate our 30th birthdays. Now, 15 years later, we are sharing news about potential UMW Class of 2031 graduates. Yes, several babies entered the world in recent months, including my own! My husband, **Deacon Chapin**, and I welcomed our daughter, Eliza Michele, in October.

Alyson Andrews Ramsey welcomed her third daughter, Maegan Elizabeth, born Sept. 5, joining big sisters Sarah and Claire. **Jayme Morris Vanhorn** and **Chris Vanhorn** greeted James and Caitlin last year and have been trying to keep up with them ever since. Jayme said that **Nicole LeVangie Bent** had a baby boy, Atticus Joshua, in October. **Nicole Gonyo Throckmorton** joined the twins club, welcoming Abigail Grace and Michael James on Oct. 2.

Four-fifths of the alumnae from 822 Marye St. celebrated births last year! In addition to the addition to my family, **Lauren Dwyer Lowther** and husband Brandon added Thomas William in September. (Ribs, Paddy, and Marcus are all thrilled with their new brother!) Also in September, **Alexis Kingham Fuge** and husband Dylan celebrated the addition of Sofia to their family. **Katie Shea Britton** had an eventful year, marrying husband Craig in April and being joined later in the year by their beautiful daughter, Emma Shea.

Darien Berkowitz Jacobson, husband Andy, and their twins, Ben and Alex, were finishing major renovations to their house in Arlington, Va.

Michelle Ciarlo-Hayes was to install her first solo photography exhibit in Rosemont, Pa., and her first children's book, *Alphabet Soup!* has received rave reviews. **Sean Tuffy** was still abroad in

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Dublin, Ireland, working by day at Brown Brothers Harriman and doing freelance photography of the Shamrock Rovers soccer club for *The Irish Times*. **Lee Ann Reaser** received her MBA in public administration from UMW in May and continues to work for our alma mater as director of annual giving.

1999

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I hope all who attended the 10-year reunion last year enjoyed catching up. If you haven't been back to Fredericksburg in a while, you should make the trip. Things are changing constantly.

I am still living and teaching in Atlanta. Maggie (my golden retriever) and I have made great friends at the dog park and spend as much time there as possible. I welcomed my first niece into my life in August, and that is the one negative about living so far from the family. Please send me emails and letters! Let me know how you are doing.

Paul Storer married **Katy Buchanan** in lovely Fred Vegas in September. Their son, Nicholas, was ring bearer. I was in the bridal party, along with **Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom**, and **Geoff Defilippi '00**. Also in attendance from Mary Washington were **Liz Buchanan '76**, **John Buchanan '01**, **Alli Defilippi '03**, **Corey Sell**, **Supapan Kanti**, **Scott Lagraize '97**, **Ken Chitty '96**, and **Heidi Buchanan Keohane '98**. A good time was had by all. The couple honeymooned on a two-week cruise through Mexico, the Panama Canal, and Grand Cayman.

Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom and husband Lee welcomed a new brother for Abigail. Andrew arrived on June 12 in Florida. **Mina Karousos** and her family moved to London in July and planned to be there for the next couple years. They saw **Kate Krukiel** and husband, who also live there. You can imagine how surprised each was to randomly run into a former Mary Washington classmate in St. John's Wood, London!

Amanda Craddock lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and works at Coastal Carolina University. She loves living at the beach with the sunshine and warm weather! The Class of 1999 10-year Reunion was last May, and Amanda wants to thank her co-chair **Denee Lonce Tuck** for her help and hard work organizing the activities. About 40 people from our class attended the reunion, and Amanda wants to give a special thanks to everyone who made a gift contribution this year.

After 10 years in Boston, **Erin Higgins** moved to Denver in July and loves it there. She is happy to be living near the mountains, has hiked her first 14er, and was looking forward to a winter of skiing. **Lisa Mueller** is living in Scotland on a yearlong Fulbright teaching exchange. She would love to have visitors!

Brian Straight moved to Bogotá, Colombia, in August and planned to stay until mid-2012. He works at the U.S. Embassy. Brian was with the U.S. delegation in El Salvador welcoming the country's final contingent of soldiers home from Iraq in February. He was in Honduras for a few weeks in July, following the coup involving ousted Honduran President Manuel Zelaya, and he spent half of last year in northern Iraq.

> ***Martha Smith '99 continues to do costuming and worked on* Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps, *dressing Shia LaBeouf.***

Katie Fry Charnoff '00 and **Steve Charnoff** bought a house in Vienna, Va., in August. Steve works at a law firm in Tysons Corner and Katie is a printing broker in Fairfax City. They recently attended the wedding of **Carrie Clark '00** in Breckenridge, Colo.

Emily Meriwether Horne and husband Stephen, who live and work in the Fredericksburg area, welcomed a baby girl, Abigail, to their family in August. **Chandra Kennet** moved from Virginia to New Hampshire in November of 2008 and married Kyle Carson in July.

Jenn Junod and husband Paul, who live outside Richmond, have two children, Will, 2, and Maddie, 1. Paul works for Bon Secours Health System and Jenn teaches in Hanover County.

Jimmy Rhodes bought his first home in Falls Church, Va., last November and loves being a homeowner. He recently was promoted to associate director of data and financial services for the American Diabetes Association and oversees a staff of 40. He attended the wedding of **Matt Baecker '99** and Ashley, who have a baby, Quinton.

Alex Panek is engaged to Michelle Makinen and plans to marry in September. He left the ADA after several years and now works at ITT Corp. **Martha Smith** is still in New York City and continues to do costuming. She freelanced the beginning of last year on *Ugly Betty* and a couple movies. She did the New York shoot of the movie, *Get Him to the Greek*, a spin-off of *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*. She then started work on *Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps*, and was dressing Shia LaBeouf. After that, she planned to spend six weeks traveling in London. She also went to a World Series game – go Yankees!

Shannon Maguire and her husband planned to move to Sarajevo, Bosnia, for two or three years, where he was to work at the U.S. Embassy, and she was to work for USAID. Their last post was Vietnam, which they loved, but they were looking forward to the next adventure! **Bernie Bilski** and wife Laurie of Alexandria Va., welcomed their first child, Maggie, in May.

M. Leigh Carson published *Midnight Reflections*, a supernatural thriller, under the pseudonym Katrina Michaels. Her book has been available on Amazon.com since May. **Joanna Bible Hitzelberger** and **Chris Hitzelberger** of Alexandria have three children, Monica, 4, Jude, 2, and Kolbe, born Oct. 4, 2008. Chris is a youth minister and teacher, and Joanna is fortunate enough to be able to stay home with the children.

2000 Reunion Weekend

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Hello, fellow members of the Class of 2000! It has been nearly a year since our last Class Notes submission, so I'm happy to share this information with you, even if some of it is a little dated!

My family and I still live in Okinawa, Japan, although, my husband, Maj. Roger Thomas, is on a 10-month deployment in Afghanistan. While he's been away, I traveled with my children, Emily, 4, and Samuel, 1, back to the United States to visit family and friends. I was lucky to have a mini-reunion in Fredericksburg with my Mary Washington girlfriends and our children! **Jennifer Murray Greven** and her children, Lily, 2, and Jack, 5, hosted **Beth Geiger Wolly**, who was visiting from San Francisco with son Jake; **Erin Domangue**, who was visiting from New Jersey with son Nicolas, 1; **Rachael Dorsey McGowen** of Charlottesville; and me. Two days later, I met with **Michelle Kelly** and her husband, Arndt Schuchardt, who happened to be visiting Virginia from their home in Germany.

Reena Desai was planning a move to Norway to work for NATO's joint exercise division, supporting the technical aspects of exercise scenarios. In 2004, Reena received a master's degree in information systems from George Mason University. **Alison Thomas Flood** and husband Chris had their first baby, James Thomas, named after his two grandfathers, on Oct. 5. **Emily Atkinson** and husband Sam welcomed their first daughter, Clare Margaret, on Jan. 22, 2009. Emily teaches music at Trinity School in Ellicott City, Md., while her husband works in athletics at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

Daniela Kelly and her husband, **Chris Sicuranza '98**, bought a house in Arlington, Va., and were settling in to prepare for the birth of their baby in January. The baby's gender was to be a surprise!

Ryan Rapp and **Jessica Turner Rapp** had their second child, Ava, on March 3, 2009. Her older sister, Zoe, 2, adores her! **Lauren Rizzi** was living in Washington, D.C., last summer and planning an August wedding to Peter Crawford in upstate New York. **Elizabeth McKeeby** and **Valerie Wunder** were to be bridesmaids. **Kari McGlamory Danner** and **Susan Wolfe** also were to participate.

Brent Bensten '01 and **Christen Masaniello Bensten** welcomed their second daughter, Fiona Tate, in November of 2008. Fiona and older sister Greta were to welcome a new brother in January. **Jennifer Burger Thomas** of Charlotte, N.C., had a baby girl, Naomi Thomas, on June 16. She is an at-home mom to Naomi and brother Liam. Jennifer attended the summer wedding of **Becky Rink '99**. She also saw

Haiti on Her Mind: Alumna Has Mountains of Memories and Attachments

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Karen Baer spent years serving in Haiti, where she met husband Altesse Geffrard. Now living in Staunton, they have two children together, Marc, 3, and baby Luc. Geffrard holds photos of his two children in Haiti.

When **Karen Baer '00** searches for words to help people understand Haiti, she turns to a proverb she learned during her time there: *Deye mon, gen mon.* That's Kreyol for "Beyond mountains, there are mountains."

Even before the January earthquake that devastated the island nation, Baer knew the challenges facing Haitians – the mountains of the proverb – are endless.

Baer moved to Haiti shortly after graduating from Mary Washington. Working with the Mennonite Central Committee ("the Mennonite version of the Peace Corps," as Baer puts it), her focus was not on religion but on environmental education and basic human needs.

Baer worked in Haiti for two and a half years and visited several times after moving back to the U.S. Much of what she encountered was hard to comprehend. "To this day," she said, "I have not gone back to read my journal entries or my letters home."

She describes her time there as "the best but most difficult experience in my life so far." She recalls one month during which she lost count of those who died in her rural community. She saw children perish because their parents could not afford the full dose of an antibiotic. And she was struck always by the stark difference between Haiti, where she dealt with life-and-death issues every day, and UMW, where "I had a ton of friends and lots of support."

Baer still draws upon that support. She graduated *cum laude* with a B.S. in environmental science, and she has stayed in contact with Dawn Bowen, an associate professor of geography who has been to Haiti and has offered advice and understanding. Baer still feels the profound influence of her advisor, Michael Bass, and others at the University.

At UMW she found ways to serve her community – as chairman for a recycling project, as a tutor in an after-school program, as a member of Friends of the Rappahannock.

Her love for Haiti is palpable, embodied in the man she met there and married, Altesse Geffrard. He was the Mennonite Central Committee's driver, a critical job in a country where many of the roads are crude at best and the only vehicle in a community is sometimes the ambulance service.

Baer and Geffrard were married in August 2004 in Haiti. Now they live in Staunton, close to where Baer grew up and where she works as vice president of Terraine Inc., an environmental consulting firm. Baer and Geffrard have two children – Marc, 3, and Luc, born on Thanksgiving Day 2009. Still living in Haiti are Geffrard's two children from a previous marriage, Shinay, 15, and Albert, 13. Before the earthquake, Baer and Geffrard were working to bring the two older children to the United States to live with them. Those efforts have been accelerated.

The grim news of the earthquake was nearly more than the couple could bear. After three days of frantic attempts to determine the fate of Geffrard's children – Baer's stepchildren – they finally got the phone call telling them that both children and their mother had survived. Geffrard held the phone in his hand and cried, Baer said. It was the first time she had seen her husband weep.

The important thing now, she says, is to understand that as great a tragedy as the earthquake is, it is not the sum of Haiti's burdens. The recovery from that disaster will take years, but there is more to be done, Baer said. Beyond that mountain lie more mountains.

– Randy Hallman

Andrew Salmon '04, **Meredith Lydon Salmon**, and **James Cessaro '04** during a vacation to West Virginia. **Kevin Perry** accepted a position teaching Latin at Courtland High School in Spotsylvania County, Va., in August. **Sarah Chase** and her husband, **Andrew Rothschild '99**, live in Richmond, where Sarah was working on her doctorate in developmental biology.

A committee of our classmates has been making plans for our 10-year reunion. Please be on the lookout for the details and, for those of you on Facebook, join the "Mary Washington College –Class of 2000 Reunion" group. It might sound trite, but it really is hard to believe it has been 10 years since those great days at Mary Washington. What fond memories!

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As always, the Class of 2001 has been busy and thriving. Thank you to all who have sent updates and, for those who didn't, we encourage you to do so. Check out the "Mary Washington College Class of 2001" group on www.LinkedIn.com, and don't forget, you can always email your updates to Caroline or Teresa at the addresses above or on Facebook.

Caroline Jarvis received an MBA from Cass Business School in London and is in private banker training at Kleinwort Benson, also in London. **Teresa Joerger Mannix** has settled in at her new job as the director of media relations at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

Jason Nevitt received an MBA from Duke University in May. Two weeks later, he married Elizabeth Kelsey on the coast of Maine. They were looking forward to a winter honeymoon in St. Lucia. Jason is employed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, where he works with state and local governments to enhance their preparedness for potential terrorism and natural disasters.

Karyn Havas is pursuing a doctorate in veterinary epidemiology at Colorado State University in Fort Collins through the Army's long-term health education and training program. **Jessica Johnson Verrusio** and husband welcomed a son, Hale Norris, in July. Jessica is a compensation analyst in Washington, D.C.

Christina Livesay spent three years teaching English in Japan and Korea and the rest of her time living in Portland, Ore., where she worked as a preschool teacher and volunteered as a project leader for Hands On Greater Portland. In September, she moved to El Salvador to be with her fiancé (who is Japanese–Salvadoran) and recently got married. She was hoping to start, or at least find work in, a language school in El Salvador.

Nicole McIntyre of Wilmington, N.C., earned a master's degree in elementary education from Springfield College in Massachusetts. After two years teaching special education in middle school, she switched to teaching regular education in elementary school. She also earned her TEFL certification in Seville, Spain, and teaches ESL to adults at Cape Fear Community College.

Nikki Langston Webb has worked as a chemist for the City of Chesapeake, Va., for four years. She and her husband welcomed their first child, a girl, on April 28, then celebrated their seventh anniversary in June. **Kim Winslow** was promoted to senior audit manager at KPMG. **Chris Winslow** practices law in the Midlothian area of Virginia and is an adjunct professor in the criminal justice department at Bryant & Stratton College.

Matt Cliszis and **Pam Kirby Cliszis** live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Matt manages the Long Island territory for Chartis Insurance, and Pam is

a producer for the Spike television network. They've expanded their family with the addition of Sedona, a puppy they rescued from Arizona.

Clifford Hazelton and **Rebecca Bulas** were married on Aug. 8 in Sandy Hook, N.J. Many Mary Washington alumni attended, including **Kasey McNatt**, who sang during the ceremony, and **Evan Carlson '02** and **Mike DiSalvo**, who served as Cliff's best men. The Hazeltons continue to reside in Hoboken, N.J. Rebecca works as a senior buyer for MLB.com in New York City. Cliff is a software engineer for Skarven Enterprises in Berkeley Heights, N.J.

Anjuli Sherin of Berkeley, Calif., was working to become licensed as a marriage and family therapist, specializing in Asian/Middle Eastern populations and somatic trauma counselling. She recently participated in the Women Rule! leadership program, a partnership between *O*, The Oprah Magazine, and The White House Project. **Monica Price Dangerfield** and her husband, **Ted Dangerfield '99**, moved from Oakton, Va., to Richmond in August of 2008 and greeted their first child, Hudson, on Feb. 20, 2009.

Andrew Ward was pursuing a doctorate at Tulane University by day and carousing as a tour guide of the French Quarter by night. He works in New Orleans media on projects like the TV show *Haunted New Orleans* and the film *30 Days in the Bowl*. He is the vice chairman of Voices for International Business and Education, a nonprofit he founded, and he supports the International High School of New Orleans. He is still the emcee for the Running of the Bulls and St. Andrew's Day, and the announcer for the Big Easy Rollergirls.

Vivian Perez and Josh Mills married in October and live in Fredericksburg. **Susan Carpenter** received a master's degree in special education in 2006 and is a registered nurse in Stafford Hospital Center's perioperative division. She continues to play the upright bass and violin and performs cowboy melodies and lyrics for her Western Colorado family.

Theresa Furlong married Jed Kennedy in May. **Laura Sussman Kassner '03** and **Bonnie Burlingham '03** were bridesmaids. **Emily Patterson Dlugasch** and **Kate Webster '99** attended. Theresa lives in Richmond, where she works as a project manager. **Matt Selwyn** and **Ariel Hatfield Selwyn** of King George County, Va., were to celebrate their eighth anniversary in January. Matt works at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division and Ariel homeschools their four children.

Andrew Ward '01 was pursuing his doctorate at Tulane University by day and carousing as a tour guide of the French Quarter by night.

Virginia Green Bartlett and husband Shane welcomed a daughter, Sophia Eleanor, in April. **Linda Simms** couldn't get enough of Mary Washington, so she completed a master of education degree at the CGPS in 2004 and is a special education teacher in Stafford County, Va. She recently returned from a trip to Incheon, South Korea, where her son teaches English. **John Brauer** and his wife, **Katrina Brauer '02**, celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Ella Mackinzie, in September. Everyone is doing great and learning the value of the power nap.

Jaimie Donaruma is in her ninth year teaching 12th-grade English at Sachem High School East on Long Island, N.Y. She is in her sixth year as the head coach of the varsity cross-country team. She still runs and has competed in the New York City Marathon and the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. She is engaged to Brian Sison, and the wedding is scheduled for July.

Gina Han Price was married in August. She and husband Jimmy were expecting their first child, Sarah Elizabeth Price, this February. They live in Caroline County, Va., and Gina teaches high school biology and anatomy in Stafford County. **Gina Clough Leonard** and husband Mike bought their first home in November and were expecting their first child this April.

Kelly Turcic gave birth to a son, Aiden John Baily, on Sept. 9. He joined big sister Lily, 2. Kelly was to return to work in December at Thiel College, where she is director of annual giving.

In March, **Sharon Wilcox** married Andrew Adams in a sunset ceremony on a beach in Belize. She was continuing her work as a doctoral candidate at the University of Texas and lives in Austin. **Jamie Gahun** and husband Chuck welcomed their first child, Rachel Elizabeth, in March. They live in Northern Virginia and work in Washington, D.C. **Lori Clemons Bridges** lives in Raleigh, N.C., with husband Thomas and children Lukas, 4, and Ryan, 2. She is a physician's assistant with a large internal medicine group. Lori and Thomas recently completed their first half marathon and were looking forward to participating in another.

Seth Kennard and wife Kathleen welcomed their first child, Jack Shea, on Oct. 28. Seth is the principal of Charles Barrett Elementary School in Alexandria, Va. **Sara Harney Correll**, who lives in Gainesville, Va., with her husband and 2-year-old son, is a high school counselor. They were expecting their second child at the end of April.

Irene Schinkel Bristow '00 and **David Bristow** were taking classes in preparation for adopting their second child, who will join their 2-year-old daughter, Amelia Hanalei. They also were looking forward to renovating their kitchen.

Adele Neiburg practices labor and employment law at Williams Mullen law firm in Richmond. She and husband **Andrew Neiburg '00** welcomed their first child, Isabelle Sylvia, last summer. **Greg Stoner** changed jobs in October of 2008 and now is a librarian for the Williams Mullen law firm in Richmond. **Jordy Keith** lives in Austin, Texas, and works in the criminal justice division of the Office of the Governor. She went to Hawaii last summer and had an amazing time snorkeling and hiking.

Mike Merker received an MBA from the University of Baltimore in 2004 and married wife Melissa in 2006. In 2008, he graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis

Alumni College is scheduled for June 3-4, 2010

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ALUMNI COLLEGE

Make plans now to attend the third annual Alumni College. Keynote speakers for special lunch programs include Chris Kilmartin, UMW professor of psychology and former Fulbright distinguished chair, and UMW alumnus Shin Fujiyama '07, now executive director of Students Helping Honduras. Each will speak about the value of service to others and how it relates to self-fulfillment and happiness.

Scheduled "Classes Without Quizzes" will be taught by knowledgeable UMW faculty members. Topics for 2010 include orchestral music, economics, finding happiness, digital history, print making, landscape design, and behind-the-scene tours at Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont. Visit www.umw.edu/gift/alumni_college for additional details.

and is now the pastor at Jordan Lutheran Church in Apex, N.C.

Martine St. Germain earned her doctorate in physical therapy from Shenandoah University last year and practices physical therapy in Beaufort, S.C. She recently bought a house in Port Royal, S.C., and planned to marry a general contractor from New York this April.

Jennie Jarvis von Drehle arrived home from her stint with the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan in November of 2008 and married Ryan von Drehle the following month. They live in Chicago. He is an architect, and she is the assistant director for international collaborations at DePaul University. **Madelyn Marino** finished a rotation program at American Express, living in London for eight months. She traveled all over Europe and spent time with **Caroline Jarvis**. Still working for American Express, Madelyn now lives in Manhattan.

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Chris Richter and his wife of two years, Leslie, have a baby girl, Charlotte Amaya. **Mike Malin** and **Cathy Kohler Malin** were expecting their first baby in March. **Ilissa N. Ramm** and husband Greg welcomed a baby girl, Jennifer Lois, on Feb. 22, 2009. **Kristy Kuhns** married Ryan Chewning on Oct. 18, 2008. They bought a house in Annapolis, Md., where she is a senior systems analyst in the technology division of the local public school system.

2003

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After a long courtship that started at Mary Washington, **Caroline Otto** and **Matthew Lemire** wed in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 19. Many Mary Washington graduates participated, including bridesmaids **Katie Helldoerfer**, **Diana Daly**, and **Emily Ruesch**; groomsmen **Bradley Williams** and **John Paxton**; and reader **Bradley Johnson**.

Jessica Ratcliffe Laspino moved to Pennsylvania with husband Paul, and she accepted a position as executive director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in Lancaster County. It's a huge change of pace from the Jersey Shore, but they were enjoying getting to know the area with their newly adopted puppy.

Jordan Sydell of Harrisburg, Pa., is a clinical sales representative for Intuitive Surgical. **Juliette Gomez** married **Taylor Ball '06** on Aug. 8 at Hurkamp Park in Fredericksburg. They live in Philadelphia with their dog, Elvis, and Juliette is in her second year of law school at Temple University.

Sarah Colona lives and works in her home state of New Jersey, where she teaches creative writing and composition at Burlington County College.

Please stay connected with classmates by joining the "Mary Washington Class of 2003" group on Facebook. Remember, you can submit an update anytime and we will include it in the next Class Notes.

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Jason Lancaster earned a master's degree in history from the University of Tulsa. Ensign Lancaster serves aboard the USS New York, with a home port in Norfolk, Va.

Kristin Ochsenreiter Cohen is a labor and delivery registered nurse and was promoted to patient care coordinator of her unit last March.

A belated but warm welcome goes to Wilson Nash, born June 10 to **Melanie Mizelle Warriner** and William Andrew Warriner. Congratulations!

2005 Reunion Weekend

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Matthew Paul Casciano met **Mary Osing** at Mary Washington in 2005, and they were married on Oct. 10 in Queenstown, Md., with a large crowd of Mary Washington alumni in attendance.

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Taylor Hempelman married Tommy Miller on Oct. 24, with many Mary Washington alumni in attendance, including bridesmaids **Shana Muhammad**, **Julia Rickey**, and **Melissa Tirone**. Taylor and Tommy live in the home they bought in Stafford County, Va.

Todd Curran has been running his own business, HolaOla Screen Printing, for the past year and recently started SAVAGEultimate, an apparel brand that has received national recognition. He was living it up with **Erica Jackson '07** in Charleston, S.C., and trying to catch as many sunsets on the beach as possible.

> *Todd Curran '06 started* **SAVAGEultimate,** *an apparel brand that has received national recognition.*

Kristin Larkins Walker earned a master's degree in geology at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in August, while finishing an internship in Houston. She was offered a position and moved to Texas in December. She married Adam Walker, whom she met in North Carolina, and they were looking forward to buying a house before April.

Joey and **Brittany Shankle Kerlin** welcomed their daughter, Charlotte Mary Claire, on Nov. 4 and were looking forward to introducing her to their Mary Washington alumni friends in Virginia at Christmastime.

Julia Rickey received a master's degree in social work in May and is a licensed clinical social worker. Julia lives in Boston and works full time as a residential therapist for children, adolescents, and families.

Mary Beth Baylor teaches first grade for Fairfax County Public Schools and lives in Alexandria, Va. **Suzy Kemper** married Chris Roche on Dec. 27 in Gainesville, Fla. She is working on a doctorate in nursing practice at the University of Florida.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. **Colin Jones** returned home from Iraq in October. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for services rendered in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He purchased a condo in Alexandria, Va., and was looking forward to graduate school.

Jennifer Nash married **Matthew Becker** on June 14, 2008. Both received master's degrees from JMU. Jennifer is an occupational therapist at Lewis-Gale Medical Center in Salem, Va., and Matt was pursuing a doctorate in biology, with a focus on amphibian conservation, at Virginia Tech. They live in Christiansburg, Va., with their 1-year-old Lab, Bella.

Amy Jessee and **John Ridout** of Clemson, S.C., were married on July 11. John earned a master's degree in city and regional planning in May of 2008, and Amy received a master's degree in professional communication this past May. She is an outreach and grant writing coordinator for WorkLink Workforce Investment Board, and John was continuing at Clemson in pursuit of a doctorate in planning, design, and the built environment.

Julia Haskins received a master's degree in geography and environmental planning from Towson University in May. She married **Adam Rackliffe '04** on June 1 on her family's Maryland farm and had a great honeymoon in Anguilla in the Caribbean. They live in the Woodley Park area of Washington, D.C., and love it! Julia is a planner for the Town of Vienna, Va.

Adam Suleske of Phoenix is pursuing a master's degree in alternative energy from Arizona State University's polytechnic

campus. **Susanne Mirabello** lives in Colombia, where she was to teach second grade internationally for two years. She was exited about the chance to explore the Amazon, trek the Galapagos Islands, and see Easter Island.

Kyle Erdner married **Amy Hamblet** on June 13 in Haddonfield, N.J., where they purchased and renovated a home. **Rebecca Christ Alwine** still lives in Germany with husband Steven and her toddler son, Declan. They were expecting their second child in April, and Rebecca was finishing a master's thesis in emergency management.

Amanda Matthews received a master's degree in math from VCU in May. In July, she partied down with **Karen Sturm Grabowski** at Karen's beautiful wedding in Charleston, S.C. **Lauren Romestan** received a doctorate of physical therapy from Slippery Rock University in May and married fellow SRU graduate Ray Gallucci from Solon, Ohio, on July 18. They live in Pittsburgh.

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Jay Sinha was in his first year of law school at William & Mary and looking for opportunities to connect with attorneys and legal professionals! **Dan Clendenin** lives and works in the Fredericksburg area. **Stefanie Tait** lives in Rockville, Md., and works in PR and marketing.

Irene Frankofsky was to receive a master's degree in archaeological science from the University of Bradford in England in December and planned to stay in the United Kingdom to live and work. **Megan Ferguson** teaches ninth and 10th grades at Fredericksburg Christian High School and was to get married on Jan. 16. **Tempa Klinegores** works in homeless services in Richmond. **Frederick Russe** received a master's degree and licensure in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington in May. He planned to start UTA's doctoral program in the fall and expected to have two publications in his research interest of gender expression last year.

Josh Rutherford is a medication coordinator in the Boston area for the Department of Mental Health. He conducts research on minority youth violence at Boston College and plays in the Parkway Concert Orchestra. **Jennifer Parsick** of Orlando, Fla., graduated with honors last December from the Florida State University master's program in library and information science. She is the teen services librarian for the Osceola Library System, which serves seven public branches. **Chelsea Seachord** lives outside Philadelphia and works for Bimbo Bakeries USA as brand manager for Thomas' breakfast products.

Peter Lockinger and **Andrea Jimenez** are engaged! After dating since November of 2004, they planned to marry on June 26. **Erica Thorsen** married Arne Colberg on Aug. 15 and changed her name to Erica Colberg! **Stephanie Barnes** of Newport News, Va., was taking pre-requisite courses toward becoming a registered nurse. **Robert Hughes** and **Erin Keegan** became engaged on May 30, when Robert proposed in front of Mary Washington's Trinkle Hall. They planned to wed this July.

2008

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Alyssa Lee completed her internship with the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in July. In August, she began her yearlong AmeriCorps VISTA service in Southeast Washington, D.C. She works with Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital to connect community resources to students and families in Ward 8. She also is a member co-chair on the DC AmeriCorps Leadership Council.

Trish Lauck and **Stan Kennedy** were engaged in August and plan to marry in Fredericksburg in May of 2011.

Amanda Bresko works for an accounting firm in Richmond. She expected to complete work on a MBA in accounting at UMW's Stafford campus in the spring, and she hoped to take the CPA exam late this year. **Amanda Hill** is in graduate school in U.Va.'s speech-language pathology program and planned to graduate this December.

Benjamin Marks is completing his yearlong AmeriCorps VISTA position in Montana. While there, he was able to develop a financial education curriculum for the region and form a state asset building coalition designed to help low- to moderate-income families in the future. He was applying to graduate sociology programs in hopes of acquiring a doctorate and becoming a professor in the discipline.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Colin Jones '06 was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for services rendered in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Corrie Scheer got married in the summer of 2008 and earned a master's degree in elementary education from UMW in May. She teaches kindergarten and lives in Fredericksburg. **Della Hinn** is in her first semester of graduate school, pursuing a degree in speech-language pathology at JMU.

James Schroll of Arlington, Va., was promoted from staff assistant to junior legislative associate for labor policy on the House Committee on Education and Labor. In March, he was elected a precinct captain for the Arlington County Democratic Committee. **Jeremy Jordan** was in his first few months with the Peace Corps in Mali, along with **Jennifer Davis**, who was in her second year there. **Rachel Fellows** is just next door with the Peace Corps in Niger.

Jessica McKenzie lives in the Czech Republic, where she teaches high school English. She also is doing graduate work in graphic design at Prague College. **Julia Behrmann** and **Johnny Baker** of Alexandria, Va., were married on Oct. 10. Julia is pursuing an MPH in global health epidemiology at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. Johnny works for the government at Quantico, Va.

Justin Doyle lives in Richmond and is pursuing a master's degree in urban and regional planning at VCU. He recently was hired by the planning department of Henrico County, Va.

Brandon Shapiro married **Lisa Blumfelder '07** on Oct. 11 in Fairfax, Va. They live in Alexandria. Lisa works in accounting at Oliff & Berridge, a patent law firm in Alexandria. Brandon is a research analyst at Nathan Associates, an economic consulting firm in Arlington.

Megan Vaughan-Albert is an associate coordinator for the Center for Teaching and Learning in Shenzhen, China, and planned to begin pursuing a master's degree in China development studies in the fall, preferably in Hong Kong.

Pete Sturke of Richmond is pursuing a master's degree in environmental science at VCU. **Rebecca Helsley Meadows** married JMU graduate Jonathan Meadows in September of 2008. The following September, they moved from Fairfax, Va., to Charlottesville. **RoseMarie Hill** works at The Way International, a Biblical research and teaching ministry in western Ohio, and plans to enter its four-year seminary and leadership training program.

Ross Marshall moved to New York City to pursue a master's degree in performing arts administration at NYU. He began an internship with IMG Artists, a renowned global artist management company specializing in classical music and dance. He lives in Clinton Hill in Brooklyn and hopes to work in contemporary performing arts in the New York area for a few years after grad school. **Ben Uscinski** still lives in Northern Virginia but has a "sweet job" working in Alaska for the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program. He earned a second degree in computer science.

2009

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Amy Santella married Kevin Solomita on Aug. 15 in Sea Bright, N.J. Amy planned to complete the

accelerated bachelor's program for nursing at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey this December. Kevin is a corporal in the Marine Corps in the 311 Squadron. He was at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz., and was to deploy at the beginning of the year. **Jessie Hager** married Kevin Bowden on Aug. 1 in Midlothian, Va., and they bought a home in Glen Allen. Jessie teaches social studies at Highland Springs High School in Henrico County and Kevin is an active duty Marine stationed in Jacksonville, N.C.

Frank Puleo '06 proposed to **Christina Ford** on Aug. 12 in front of UMW's Mason Hall, where they met at the beginning of her freshman year. They plan to wed in Northern Virginia in the fall. **Ron Brooks** proposed to **Gracie Hart '08** on Aug. 3, while vacationing with his family in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. They plan to wed in Fredericksburg in September. Ron is pursuing his MBA at UMW's Stafford campus and studying for the CPA exam. He also is an associate with Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves, while Gracie is a reporter/photographer with the *Orange County Review* in Virginia.

Ben Miller lives in Richmond, where he works for Long & Foster Realty. **Court Crenshaw** started a medical scribe program at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. **Rebekah Blackwell Anderson** moved to Okinawa, Japan, to be with her husband, Curtis Anderson, a corporal in the Marine Corps. Rebekah is an accounting technician for Marine Corps Community Services. **Lindsay McClelland** was working as an au pair in Milan, Italy. **Brittany Cooney** of Colmar, Pa., is an administrative and marketing assistant at the Pragma Corp. outside Philadelphia.

Ali Meier is a special events, outreach, and development intern with the American Friends of United Nations Relief and Works Agency in Washington, D.C. She also works full time as an accounting assistant at a certified organic restaurant. **Trevor Langston** is an associate scientist with the hydro-ecology of flowing waters project at the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Va. **Caitlin Goldman** is a software development consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in Falls Church, Va. **Lauren Bell** received the Intramural Research Training Award from the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., and was participating in a yearlong fellowship with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. **Emily Griffith** moved to Norman, Okla., in June with her longtime boyfriend, Jim Kurdzo. She is a research technician at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in Oklahoma City.

UMW Played Best Supporting Role for Disney Documentary Star

Racing in the most revered sailing competition on Earth for a Disney documentary may be every sailor's dream. But earning three credit hours while plunging into your life's passion for eight months? That's the dream of every student, especially **Chris Clark '09**.

To say Clark is an avid sailor would be an understatement. The Greenwich, Conn., native started sailing the East Coast with his parents when he was just two weeks old. In fact, he took his first steps on the deck of a sailboat. At age 8, Clark started competing and soon was flying to events throughout the United States, in Canada, and in Europe. By the time he left for college, Clark was heavily involved in ocean racing, participating in 15 to 20 events a year.

Recruited by the University of Mary Washington for his All-American high school swimming talents, Clark left the Connecticut coast for landlocked Fredericksburg in 2004. "Most of the racing venues were far from home anyway," Clark said. "All that mattered was the location of the nearest international airport."

While there was no college sailing team to join, Clark managed to incorporate his nautical interests into the classroom by majoring in geography. "For someone with interests ranging from medicine to ocean sailing to politics, geography made sense," Clark said.

The UMW geography department got on board with Clark when he took a year off to participate in *Morning Light*, which documents a group of young people racing a high-performance 52-foot sloop in the Transpacific Yacht Race (TRANSPAC) from California to Hawaii.

Stephen Hanna, department chair, sponsored Clark's acting-year independent study of how weather prediction technology helps sailors develop navigation plans.

"It was because of professors like Dr. Hanna that I chose to come to UMW," Clark said. "Dr. Hanna knew I was a student with atypical interests, and he exhibited a huge degree of faith and flexibility in allowing me to combine my education with my personal passions."

According to Disney, *Morning Light* follows 15 highly skilled hand-picked young sailors on the cusp of adulthood as they "match wits and skills against top professionals in a dramatic 2,300-mile showdown in the unforgiving and unpredictable Pacific Ocean." The participants were chosen from an applicant pool of thousands.

"The whole experience was somewhat surreal," Clark said. "What I really learned was that having pure skill isn't enough, and that most things in life require a more dynamic combination of social grace and skill."

Since the making of the documentary, which came out in 2008, and his subsequent graduation, Clark still finds a way to apply his education to his interests. Working as a paramedic in Westchester County, N.Y., Clark plans to go to medical school to become an emergency physician and apply his geography education to urban epidemiology research. He still ardently pursues sailing, and he will provide medical support for an upcoming event for disabled sailors.

"I explore every application of the things that interest me most and find ways to connect them academically and professionally," he said.

No matter what's beyond the next wave for Clark, he won't forget that Mary Washington provided him his first great adventure. "Had the UMW geography department not been as progressive as it was, I may have been forced to reconsider [doing this] documentary."

– Lorna Webster

In Memoriam

Olive Hall Bristow '25
Margaret Freeman Forrest '32
Dorothy Seay Owens '35
Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36
Lois LaVelle Brown '36
Adelle Mansfield Goodwin '36
Rita M. Miller '36
Kirby Fennell Nuckols '36
Julia Frances Robinson '36
Zula Ferrara Ware '36
Lucy Walker McKenney '37
Doris Virginia Mills '37
Flossie Annella Ratcliffe '37
Henrietta "Tillie" Burt Keeter '38
Anne Love Roberson '38
Arcelle C. Collier '39
Byrd Wootton Garnett '40
Laura Conlon Jamison '40
Katherine Garrison Liebenow '41
Betty Willoughby Hawthorne '42
Isobel E. Taylor '42
Mary Frances Mundy '43
Betty Louise Ackerman '44
Jean Ford Bates '44
Edna Thompson Howell '44
Marguerite Klenck Lovejoy '44
Ann Witten Van Pelt '44
Jane Ellen Williams '44
Wilma Lindsey Clare '45
Ruth G. Lee '45
Josephine Compton Moss Shulke '45
Eleanor Sanford Spencer '45
Ann Williamson Stuart Floyd '47
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Emily Fairchild '48
LaVergne Tuck Woody '48
Jane Robinson Lacy '49
Elinor Platt Levy '49
Theresa Saunders '49
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Patricia W. Ritter '51
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Nancy Jane Wagner Peachee '52
Dolores Carmen Torralbas '52
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Jean Audrey Bennett '53
Jane Oliver Abbot Tyler '53
Catherine Wyvonne Weaver Vance '53
Patricia J. Beck '54
Elizabeth Jane Thompson '54
Mary Davenport '55
Jane Fair Ingersoll '55
Ann Davey Masters '57
Eula Grey Kindley Morton '59
Susan Hughes Whitaker '59
Ann Stinchcomb Harvey '60
Harriet Najar '60
Eizenija Bergman Shera '60
Dorothy "Sue" R. Lay '61
Sue Ann Katz Lieberman '62
Barbara Granger '63
Judith W. Sandelin '64
Mary Anne Burke Graves '65
Sandra Rutter McArtor Hazard '66
Patricia Previte Hill '66
Norma M. McCaig '67
Elizabeth "Betty" Ferguson Foster '69
Mary Page "Pidge" Williams Walden '69
Karen Marie "Kiki" Brennan '87

Condolences

Irella Lawson Bloxom '41, who lost her husband
Frances Houston Layton '49, who lost her husband
Betty Lou Shelhorse Rogers '49, who lost her husband
Katherine Mayo Schmidt '49, who lost her husband
Peggy Sherman Caper '52, who lost her husband
Mary Eleanor Bruce McCombie '52, who lost her husband
Ruth Williams Webb '52, who lost her husband
Martha Kimball Hearn Johnson '58, who lost her husband
Mary-Louise Cork Hendrix '59, who lost her husband
Gail Fallon Neal '59, who lost her husband
Janet Bagg Glancy '64, who lost her husband
Susan Orebaugh Nicholson '64, who lost her brother
Sharon Haythorne Stack '64 , who lost her mother
Louise Stevens Robbins '65, who lost her husband
Ann Simpson Brackett '69, who lost her mother
Joan Mueller Goertz '69, who lost her mother
Charlotte Clare Snyder '81, who lost her mother
Monecia Helton Taylor '81, who lost her mother
Lois Walthall Murdaugh '84, who lost her sister
Maureen Stinger '94 and Bridget M. Stinger '97, who lost their father
Rachael E. Dorsey McGowen '00, who lost her father

In Remembrance

Christina Kakava

The Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication has endured the devastating loss of Christina Kakava, professor of linguistics, who died on Feb. 20, after a three-year struggle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 19 years, Paul Fallon, associate professor of linguistics in the department, her 12-year-old son, Yanni, and two sisters. Christina had retired due to her illness in August of 2009.

Christina joined the faculty in 1994, after earning a Ph.D. from Georgetown University the previous year. She published extensively in sociolinguistics, with a special emphasis on cross-cultural linguistics, issues of language and gender, and intercultural identities among bilingual speakers. Her dedication to her students and colleagues was legendary. Her commitment to undergraduate research continued during the early stages of her illness, as she directed individual study from home and worked tirelessly with students on appropriate research methods for the study of language.

Christina brought excitement and a sense of wonder to everything she encountered. It was her smile; her pleasure in bright, vivid colors; her love of sharing her experiences in Greece, especially cuisine; her humor and generous affection – these are what we all remember. It was her boundless energy, as she embraced the formidable task of accompanying the President's Travel Club on a tour of Greece. It was her fearlessness in embracing grief as fervently as joy that was perhaps most striking; it was her capacity to empathize and to share with what can only be termed the true generosity of love.

What I learned to respect the most about Christina were the courage and strength she showed in facing her catastrophic diagnosis. She was concerned for her colleagues and students, of course, but most of all for Paul and Yanni. Even as she struggled through chemotherapy, radiation, and surgeries, she took constant pride in their accomplishments. I remember her careful recordkeeping of Yanni's language development as a toddler, proudly sharing with the department that he had voiced a fricative properly, or later, overcoming her revulsion and wholeheartedly encouraging his early experiments with entomology that included the capture of various hideous insects.

We will all continue to celebrate Christina's life; maybe Auden's words say it best: "She became her admirers."

– Teresa A. Kennedy, Chair
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CLOSING COLUMN

The Indomitable "Mrs. A": Frances Liebenow Armstrong, 1917-2010

By William B. Crawley Jr.

The University of Mary Washington community lost one of its most beloved members with the death of **Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36** on January 27, 2010, at the age of 93.

Born in Fredericksburg, Mrs. Armstrong enjoyed a long and productive association with Mary Washington, beginning with her years as a student at what was then Fredericksburg State Teachers College. Following her graduation at the age of 20, she embarked upon a 45-year career in education, spent almost entirely in the public schools of her hometown.

The Free Lance-Star

"Mrs. A," Frances Armstrong

It was there, too, that in 1944 she married Sidney Armstrong, a longtime city councilman; they remained inseparable until his death in 2005. Though the couple had no children of their own, "Mrs. A," as she was universally known in the community, exercised parental influence over generations of Fredericksburg students, mainly at the city's James Monroe High School.

Ever the epitome of professionalism and always stylish in appearance, she possessed a no-nonsense countenance in her history classroom that could quell even the most boisterous student. "That look," one observed, "could turn even the beefiest football player into jelly."

Yet the same steely eyes that could make miscreants quiver could also convey genuine compassion for her students. "She could sound gruff and look stern," recalled one, "but it didn't take much to elicit that big smile."

At James Monroe she became legendary outside the classroom as well, especially for her support of extracurricular activities. Football was her favorite, and she was a fixture at games, supplying "her boys" with orange slices at halftime to renew their energy.

By the time she retired from the public schools in 1981 at the age of 65, Mrs. A. had received numerous honors and tributes for her extraordinary contributions to education, and to her church and community as well. Fredericksburg named a city athletic field for her, which was one of her most prized honors.

Yet the end of one career marked the beginning of another – this one at Mary Washington. Always devoted to the institution, she had worked tirelessly over the years in various volunteer capacities. In recognition of such commitment, the Alumni Association not only bestowed on her its very first Outstanding Service Award, but subsequently named the award in her honor.

Within a month after her retirement, Mrs. Armstrong joined the Mary Washington staff at the invitation of President Prince Woodard, who asked her to assist with preparations for the institution's 75th anniversary to be celebrated in 1983. That began a quarter century of Mary Washington employment, during which she worked variously in the President's Office, the Alumni Office, and the Office of Human Resources.

In the process, she became the ultimate "utility player" – conducting research, compiling indexes, answering phones, helping with mailings, and giving campus tours from a golf cart – in short, doing whatever needed doing, and doing so with unfailing enthusiasm and infectious good cheer. Although she was a person of strong views – and, Lord knows, she was not reluctant to share them – she had the grace to do so in a way that never offended those who might disagree with her.

It was as my assistant that Mrs. A and I got to know each other when I served as institutional historian. Over the years, she helped me immeasurably by assembling reams of information, a task that she approached with a commitment far exceeding whatever monetary compensation was involved.

She also performed a valuable, if less tangible, role by encouraging me, either overtly or subtly, to remain focused on the project at hand whenever my enthusiasm lagged. Even as an octogenarian, she seemed to have boundless energy.

Mrs. A. possessed a constitution of iron that never broke and a character of gold that never tarnished – qualities still evident when I visited her in her home shortly before this past Christmas. There I found her weakened in body but still strong as ever in spirit; she gave no hint of self pity, instead emphasizing how fortunate she was. During the conversation, she became most animated, as usual, when discussing the University, eager for information on old friends and on new developments, particularly the Eagle Village project.

A few weeks later, she was gone, prompting the frequent comment that "they just don't make them like her anymore." Truth be told, they never did make very many. But I – and the thousands of others whose lives she touched – will forever be grateful that there was at least one Mrs. A.

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Darkness falls on **UMW's winter of discontent**

Though beautiful when falling and shortly thereafter, this winter's record-breaking snowfalls taxed campus facilities crews as they dealt with a total of four feet of snow. That translated into more than 6,000 work hours for the approximately 100 employees who helped shovel, plow, and blow; made sure toilet paper was stocked and trash emptied; and kept the heat and power on throughout campus.